

# 5,000 MAY BE DEAD IN DAYTON---STATE TROOPS CALLED OUT; HUNDREDS DIE IN OTHER OHIO CITIES--CLEVELAND IN DANGER

## OHIO DEATH ROLL CLIMBING AS FLOOD SWEEPS TOWNS

Over Score of Cities, Partially Wrecked By Water and Fire, Add to Quota of Dead—Loss Many Millions.

COLUMBUS, O., March 25.—Over a score of Ohio cities and towns devastated and many of them in darkness, with the dead, dying and injured strewn in the wreckage or floating on the dirty waters, the property loss mounting into millions and the crest not yet reached, the greatest flood in its history, is being written in the annals of Ohio tonight.

The toll of lives probably will not be definitely known for several days, and may never be. But that scores, possibly hundreds, were killed outside Dayton, where the greatest loss of life was recorded, is certain.

The cities believed to have suffered the greatest loss of life after Dayton are Piqua, Miami county, and Hamilton, Butler county. The Hydraulic, a great dam at Piqua, is reported to have gone out suddenly, flooding the entire city. It is reported several hundred were drowned, one message placing the figures at 540. But this cannot be confirmed.

The levee at Hamilton is said to have gone out, inundating that city. Reports from several sources place the death list there at many hundreds, but no accurate statement has been received here. One message says 1,000 were killed. The last definite report directly from Hamilton, early tonight, reported eleven dead.

Reservoir Floods Miami Valley.  
Late tonight a long distance telephone message from Bellefontaine to Gov. Cox said that early this afternoon the main reservoir at Lewistown burst its banks at a point between Lakeview and Russell's point, releasing water that raced down the Great Miami valley like a tidal wave. It was this vast quantity of water added to that already in the river that seems to have overthrown the cities of Troy, Piqua and Sidney. It is considered certain the loss of life in the valley swept by such a wave would run into the hundreds.

At the suggestion of Gov. Cox a bill was drawn tonight and is to be presented to the legislature tomorrow morning by Representative Lowrie, appropriating \$250,000 for relief of the flood sufferers. Gov. Cox tonight sent out appeals for aid to the governors of all the border states of Ohio, including Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky. Tents and provisions are badly needed according to the governor's appeal.

Gov. Cox late tonight issued an order directing Brig. Gen. John C. Speaks to call out the entire Ohio National Guard tomorrow morning for duty in the flood swept district. The troops will entrain in their respective cities early tomorrow and after that will be subject to the further orders of Gen. Speaks and Adj. Gen. Wood, who will assign them to locations according to the gravity of the situation.

Middletown Reports Fifteen Missing.  
Fifteen are missing in Middletown, where 200 houses are under water and their former occupants were seeking shelter in the school houses, churches and city buildings. The Great Miami river is one mile wide at that point. The great bridge over the Miami at Middletown went out at 2 o'clock. Scores of houses can be seen floating down the stream. The water and electric light plants are out of commission.

At least 10,000 persons are homeless in Columbus, thousands of dollars worth of property has been destroyed, and the west side of the city is cut off tonight from the remainder of the city as the result of the flood from the Scioto and Olentangy rivers.

The bridges across the Scioto river at Town-st and State-st were swept out this afternoon and the Broad-st bridge, the last connecting link between the east and west sections, went out late tonight. Railroad trains and interurban cars into Columbus have ceased running and local street cars have been completely abandoned because of the flooding of power houses. Railroad tracks and bridges have been washed out and nearly all telephone and telegraph wires are down.

The Scioto river is rising above Columbus at the rate of three-tenths of a foot an hour. Weather Forecaster Smith said that the river will continue to rise all night.

The two big state institutions on the hill to the west side of Columbus, the hospital for the insane and the asylum for feeble minded youth are filled to overflowing with the refugees.

Thrilling rescues were made. One boat picked up a mother and her daughter from the second story of a dwelling house only a few minutes after the woman's two babies had been borne off in the swirl of waters. Other rescues of women and children were as spectacular.

With no immediate relief in sight from the ever-growing flood, Columbus tonight was powerless to either aid its own sufferers or answer the frantic pleas for relief that came to Gov. Cox from all near-by parts of the state where war communication still remains unbroken.

Workmen Separated From Families.  
Water fills the streets of the West End of Columbus in depth varying from fourteen to six feet. Hundreds who worked in the business section found themselves unable to reach their homes on the West Side. Telephone communication is practically destroyed and these people were frantic in their utter inability to either say anything or get word to their families.

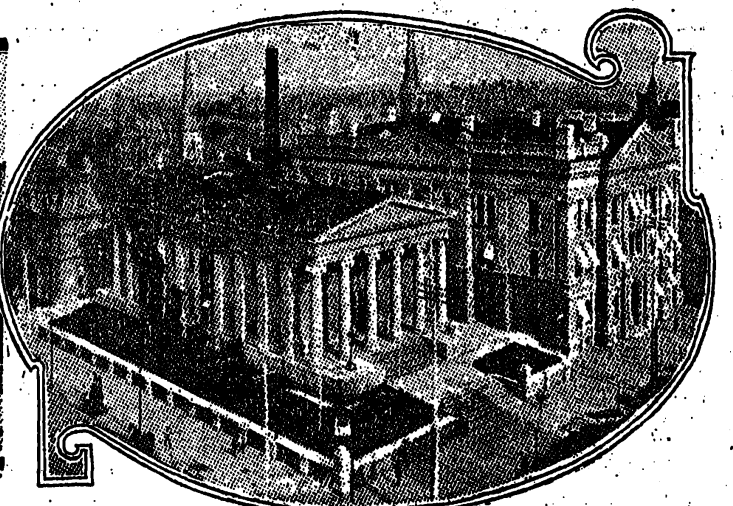
The water of Buckeye lake, a pleasure resort east of this city, are rising so rapidly that it is believed the banks will have to be cut to save the thousands of acres of land in that section. Many cottages have been flooded, and the residents are all moving out.

If the banks are cut it means great danger to Newark, as the South Fork river receives all the overflow water from the lake, and flows in a narrow valley to Newark.

## SCENES IN DAYTON WHERE THOUSANDS ARE REPORTED DEAD



LOOKING SOUTH ON MAIN ST. DAYTON, O.



COURT HOUSES AND COUNTY JAIL.



MAIN ST. BRIDGE AND STEELE HIGH SCHOOL

## SECOND FLOOD THREATENS TO INCREASE DAMAGE HERE

Swept by one flood that devastated the Cuyahoga valley yesterday, Cleveland this morning is threatened with another and possibly greater sweep of the river which cuts through the center of the city.

Before midnight, when some feeling of relief began to be manifest, the steady rain was renewed. Almost simultaneously, there came reports from Akron that canal locks had been dynamited and other reports from Kent that a weakened dam momentarily was expected to give way, starting another deluge of water toward Cleveland.

The river through Cleveland, which had been receding through the evening, began to rise again about midnight. Reports from Mantua and other points up the river told of rapidly rising water resulting from the dynamiting at Akron. River men see in these latest developments a stage of water today even higher than the thirty-foot stage of yesterday.

Swollen by the rain throughout northeastern Ohio, which began Sunday and continued almost without cessation, the Cuyahoga yesterday overflowed its banks through Cleveland, tore the steamer William H. Mack loose from its moorings, lodged it against the lower W. 3d-st bridge, which finally collapsed into the river, endangering hundreds of lives, which were saved only after many thrilling rescues, and caused property losses probably aggregating greatly in excess of \$1,000,000.

Dynamite Seven Akron Locks.  
Akron authorities became alarmed by the accumulating waters in the big canal reservoirs south of that city and the torrent pouring down the canal bed through the center of the city. In despair they blew out seven locks, extending south from the W. Market-st bridge. That city is left without electric light or power and street car service.

The dam at Kent, constructed of concrete and stone, is 200 feet wide. It has been partly rebuilt twice. W. S. Kent, owner, says the dam cannot hold out much longer. Much water is already flowing over the top.

Located in the center of Kent, the rush of water if the dam gives way will be terrific. The water will carry with it paper mills at Monroe Falls, three miles below Kent, where a small dam is considered sure to give way if the larger one above lets go. Thirty families were rescued from their homes at Kent yesterday.

The B. & O. railroad has a long stretch of track under water at Kent and many wash-outs are reported on the W. & L. E.

## LATEST STORM NEWS

BULLETIN.

Unverified reports from flood swept cities in Ohio and Indiana show the following losses of life:  
OHIO—Dayton 5,000, Piqua (rumored) 540, Delaware 50 to 100, Sidney 25 to 50, Middletown 13 to 20, Hamilton 12, Tippicanoe City 3 to 5, scattering 16. Total Ohio, about 5,175.

INDIANA—Peru 200 to 500, Newcastle 3, Lafayette 2, Noblesville 2, Frankfort 1, Ft. Wayne 1, Rushville 1. Total Indiana, 210 to 500.

HOMELESS are estimated to number upward of 100,000. PROPERTY DAMAGE is roughly estimated to total \$25,000,000 or more.

Orders have been received for the immediate mobilization of every National Guard organization in Cleveland. Commanders of the Fifth infantry, Troop A cavalry, naval reserves, engineers' battalion and the auxiliary organizations are included in the instructions to proceed at once to Dayton, Sidney and Piqua. Every member of the National Guard is directed to report at once at his armory. Transportation arrangements are being made for trains to leave this morning.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 26.—Two hundred lives have been lost in the Wabash river flood at Peru, Ind.

This was confirmed early this morning when Gov. Rajston talked over long distance telephone to Frank Butler, an attorney at Peru. Butler said 100 coffins at least were needed; that the other bodies had been washed away. The survivors are greatly in need of food and clothing.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 26.—More than 100 families were made homeless and inestimable property damage was wrought when the rising Wabash river broke through the levee north of this city tonight and submerged a portion of the residence district in the north part of town.

ZANESVILLE, O., March 26.—At midnight the levee along Licking river broke with a crash and inundated about 600 homes. Four hundred homes in other sections of the city are surrounded by raging torrents. Hundreds are being taken out of second-story windows.

CINCINNATI, March 26.—The mayor of Middletown telephoned here this morning for help. He estimates the dead in his city at fifty.

Mayor Baker, early this morning, announced that Cleveland would do all in its power to aid the victims in Dayton and other sections of the state more stricken than Cleveland. The mayor had just finished a final tour of the district along the river. He declared:

"This is the most serious Cleveland flood situation within my memory. Cleveland has its own problems to solve, but they will not interfere with our giving every possible assistance to other sections of the state."

## DEATH RIDES THROUGH CITY ON CREST OF ANGRY FLOOD

Takes Victims by Thousands in Streets of Town Where Fire Follows Raging Water That Buries Many Buildings.

BULLETIN.  
DAYTON, O., March 26.—There are numerous unconfirmed reports of men shooting their families and committing suicide when they saw escape was impossible.

The wind changed at 3 o'clock this morning and the fire on Vine-st flamed anew, adding a new menace.

DAYTON, O., March 26—2:30 a. m.—The crest of the flood passed at midnight. Since then the water has been going down a half inch an hour.

STAFF SPECIAL.  
COLUMBUS, O., March 25.—Dayton's flood death list may reach 5,000.

That is the figure given tonight by Mayor Phillips when he put through to the mayor of Springfield a telephone message asking help. It was the first direct word out of Dayton today.

The city is in the midst of a sea of swirling muddy water. The finest residences and business blocks are swamped, but were not washed away. Apparently there was little opportunity for escape.

Hospital Reported Washed Away.

St. Elizabeth's hospital, with 600 patients, was reported to have been washed away. The building was known to be in many feet of water and indications are that the report may prove true.

The electric light plants were put out of business early in the day and total darkness, coupled with a torrential downpour, added to the horrors of the night.

Famine also became an immediate possibility. All supply and grocery houses are in the submerged district and tonight it was said there was not enough bread to last the survivors another day.

John H. Patterson, president of the National Cash Register Co., who headed the relief work in the south end of the city, sent out an appeal for food supplies and for physicians and medicine. Tonight 3,000 homeless were housed in the cash register office.

Thousands of those who were fortunate enough to have escaped the first rush of the waters are being fed tonight on short rations.

Three train loads of foodstuffs have arrived from Xenia, but as yet there has been no chance to deliver them and suffering from hunger as well as exposure is bound to occur within the next few hours.

A fire which started from an explosion in the Meyers Ice Cream Co., near Wyoming-st, spread and burned the block on South Park, a block from Wyoming. Another big fire is reported to have burned a downtown block.

Danger of Fever Lurks in Water.

The breaking of the Tarkenton reservoir, which supplies the drinking water, left the city without water, and physicians declared there was great danger of typhoid in the use of the flood water.

The flood came soon after daylight this morning after the residents had spent last night in terror.

The main levee of the Big Miami broke at Webster-st at about 8 o'clock. An hour later the water was through in a dozen places and a wall of it ten feet high swept through the main street. Just above the junction of the Big Miami and the Mad rivers, and where the subwater river pours into the Miami the flood reached its height and rolled into the business section, a wall twenty feet high. The flood rose to the second floor of the Algonquin hotel and all along Main-st occupants were driven to the third floors. What has happened to them since no one outside can tell.

House looting began early in the night and while the local National Guard companies are on duty, they are wholly incapable of handling the situation.

Incidents without number are narrated of persons in the flooded district waving handkerchiefs or otherwise signaling for aid being swept away before the eyes of watchers.

Rescue Boats Smashed by Obstacles.

Many of the rescue boats were swept by the current against what had been fire plugs, trees and houses. They were crushed. How many died in this way no one knows tonight. What life exists in the district, which the water covers is in constant danger and helpless until the flood subsides.

There are no boats in Dayton which can breast the current, and people early gave up any attempts to reach the business section. How many houses have been swept away, and how many occupants were carried to their deaths can not be learned until the waters recede.

At Wyoming-st, on the South Side, where the National Cash Register Co. centered its efforts at rescue, many saved their lives by creeping on a telephone cable, 100 feet above the flood. At first linemen crept along the cable, carrying tow ropes to which the flat bottomed boats were attached. When the flood became so fierce that the boats no longer were able to make way against it, men and women crept along the cables to safety. Others, less daring, saw darkness fall and gave up hope of rescue.

Those willing to risk their lives in the attempt to rescue, found themselves helpless in face of the water.

Children Born in Cash Register Plant.

Seventy thousand of Dayton's population. It is reported are homeless. The National Cash Register plant on a high hill, offers the only haven in the south end. Three women became mothers in the halls of its office building tonight.

Main-st, near Apple, was one of the concentration points. In the woodworking department of the National Cash Register Co. boats were being turned out at the rate of ten an hour and these were rushed to where the waters had crossed Main-st in a sort of gully.

But the waters crept up and the strength of the current was far too strong for the crude punts, though they were the best that could be made in a hurry. Trip after trip was made and hundreds of the refugees were taken from this stretch of houses.







# FATAL FIRES RAGE THROUGHOUT FLOODED DAYTON

## 500 MAY BE DEAD IN PIQUA--ZANESVILLE UNDER WATER--HUNDREDS DIE IN INDIANA

### RESERVOIR MENACES CITIES AS OHIO'S DEAD LIST SWELLS

Great Lewistown Lake Threatens to Sweep Miami Valley--250,000 Homeless in State--150 Deaths in Columbus.

COLUMBUS, O., March 26.—Floodswept Ohio, from Lake Erie to the Ohio river and from the Indiana to the Pennsylvania state lines, tonight is dotted with wrecked cities and villages whose desolate thousands see no hope ahead. With the rain still descending, shivering in the cold, homeless and hungry, they hardly take heed of the dead strewn the wreckage or of the bodies being carried downstream.

The toll of death this second day of destruction all over the state still is mounting. It is useless even to attempt to say how many hundreds have lost their lives. The West Side of Columbus alone has added from 100 to 150 to the total.

Besides the capital city at least seven large towns stand in the lead as mourners for the greater number of dead. These are Delaware, Hamilton and Zanesville and the four cities in the Miami valley, Sidney, Piqua, Troy and Miamisburg, which are threatened with annihilation should the immense Lewistown reservoir give way, which it momentarily threatens to do.

Reports early tonight that Zanesville had been wiped out proved untrue. Later messages told of great suffering there, and stated the city was submerged, but not destroyed.

The nation has been appealed to and will aid stricken Ohio. Gov. Cox today telegraphed the war department at Washington asking that 50,000 tents and 100,000 rations be made available for use and distribution by the Ohio National Guard. They will be furnished at once.

#### Governor Estimates 250,000 Homeless.

Gov. Cox estimates that more than 250,000 people have been rendered homeless. The state is unable to cope with the situation and the governor has called upon the National Red Cross society and adjoining states for aid. The immediate need is for tents and food for the homeless. Every militia company has been ordered to report for duty today and the troops are being sent to the points of greatest emergency. The state commissary department is making every effort to rush supplies to the many points which need them.

The property damage cannot at present be calculated, but will run far into the millions. This includes actual loss by fire and flood and prospective loss where farming lands have been inundated and in many cases washed away. No immediate relief from the flood-bound conditions is in sight.

Tonight a new flood menaces along the great Ohio valley. At Cincinnati a heavy rain is falling, and the Ohio river has risen to the 56-foot level, the highest reached in many years. Unless the rain abates shortly, the river will reach 60 feet by daylight.

This city, appalled at information of conditions in the West Side, is exerting every effort to aid and give assistance to those in distress as a result of the flood. The true condition of the West Side of the Soloto river, with its 40,000 inhabitants, did not become known until this morning, when a fleet of motorboats that had patrolled the flooded district all night reported. All along the courses of the boats the men who heaved the rushing waters to aid the sufferers found men, women and children either on the roofs or the second floors of their homes. Requests for food and drinking water were heard on every hand.

#### See Scores of Bodies Float Down Soloto.

Mount Carmel hospital, in the center of the flood, was crowded to the doors with refugees, and the hospital is in need of supplies. West Siders estimate that the death toll will reach nearly 150. They tell of seeing scores of bodies floating by in the swirling waters. All night their cries for help could be heard throughout the district, as houses were swept on the crest of the flood.

Several companies of the Ohio National Guard and hundreds of volunteer emergency police are assisting the authorities in the rescue work and in preserving order. Ambulance stations have been established in various parts of the city in the vicinity of the flooded district to take care of the stricken people.

All available state departments were thrown open to refugees and thousands of dollars have been raised to care for them. A bill was introduced and passed in the legislature today as an emergency measure providing that \$250,000 be appropriated for the relief of the flood sufferers.

The street car system is operating under crippled conditions and many lines are not running at all. The failure of the water supply is most keenly felt and the state department of health together with the city health department have made preparations to cope with any situation which may arise from this cause.

The Mound-st bridge over the Soloto went out tonight and Rich-st bridge, the only one left, is in danger. Cleveland engineers, O. N. G., will be brought here to put in a pontoon bridge when the water goes down.

#### Panic Follows Report Reservoir Bursts.

A wild panic was caused in this city late today when patrol wagons dashed through Hight warning people to flee for their lives. The police had received a report that the great storage dam which furnishes the capital with its water supply had broken and was sweeping down upon the city billions of gallons of water.

In the downtown district and throughout the city the wildest scenes of excitement were enacted. It was not for a long time afterwards that the report was corrected. Then every available automobile patrol wagon was ordered out and sent over the main section of the East Side and throughout the business district reassuring the people, many thousands of whom had fled in the stampede.

Harrowing tales are heard of families who spent the night in a drenching rain in trees (tops or on the roofs of their flooded homes. Many of those marooned in trees have been believed to have been worn out from cold and fatigue and to have dropped to death in the flood below. Thrilling rescue stories are reported with numbers as are also unavailing efforts to rescue persons seen to be drifting by in the ruins of their homes or on chance driftwood.

The death toll was swelled by scores when it was reported here today that the village of Stratford, five miles south of Delaware, has been wiped out, and the total population of 100 have been drowned.

#### Recover Fourteen Bodies at Delaware.

In stricken Delaware the bodies of fourteen persons had been recovered tonight, and as many more are missing from their wrecked homes as the



The Deluge.

### FUND GROWS; SOLDIERS GO

Cleveland Responds to Call for Money to Aid Flood Sufferers of Ohio.

Fifth Infantry Will Try to Reach Dayton Via Toledo.

Cleveland, flood-swept itself, responded yesterday when stricken Dayton sent out its appeal for aid.

Religious and civic organizations joined hands in soliciting help for those in danger or trouble, and before nightfall, men in charge of the relief, were assured of substantial sums which will be forwarded without delay to the suffering city.

Meanwhile members of the Fifth Infantry O. N. G., who had been gathering in Cleveland, as in other northern Ohio towns throughout the day, were entraining for Dayton and other cities in the flood district where they will aid in the work of rescue, restore order and patrol the ruins of what Monday were thriving cities.

The battalion of Engineers O. N. G., boarded the cars and part of the Fifth Infantry was assembled here to go with the Cleveland guardsmen. The naval reserves of the U. S. S. Dorothea were called from their homes, and Capt. Hans J. Hansen marshaled his life saving crew and prepared to depart for the flooded district.

#### Put Boats on Train.

By early evening all the various corps of relief men completed their arrangements. At midnight portions of the two train sections were made up.

The engineers, the naval reserves, with their life-saving equipment and two boats, and the companies of the Fifth Infantry were given places in the first section.

The Fifth regiment, Capt. Hansen's life-saving crew, with its boat and fifteen rowboats obtained from parks

### WORD COMES MANY SAVED

Messages Received by Plain Dealer for Those Asking of Friends and Kin.

Zanesville and Findlay Are Reached, but Not Dayton.

Efforts of the Plain Dealer in behalf of anxious Clevelanders to forward inquiries for friends or kin into the flooded Ohio districts—there were hundreds of such inquiries yesterday—last night began to yield results, although there was not, nor is there yet, any sure way of communicating with the stricken cities.

Spasmodic telegraph flashes from one or two of the cities—most of them were cut off entirely—and long distance telephone connection with two towns that lasted fifteen minutes, then was shut off again, brought tidings of a number of persons, safe and sound, for whom inquiry had been made to the Plain Dealer.

The Plain Dealer is doing all it can to get word to the flooded cities. But nothing definite can be guaranteed people who inquire.

Telegraph, telephone and train facilities never before in the history of Ohio were in such condition. Inquiries are blocked at every turn.

#### Every Effort is Made.

Until such time as wire service is resumed and until Plain Dealer men get into the cities, answers to inquiries will depend on methods similar to those employed last night. Every effort will be expended by this news paper in pushing inquiries through.

In the late evening the Plain Dealer finally managed to get in touch with Zanesville, O. It was the first direct report obtained from there, and the voice of a Clevelandier there, S. S. Silt, over the telephone declared stories of conditions in Zanesville had been exaggerated. He gave news of a number of Cleveland people who, with him, were stranded in the city.

### INDIANA FLOOD KILLS SCORES

Many Perish at Peru and Other Towns Add to the Death Toll.

Wabash River Swollen and Demolishes Bridges and Homes.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 26.—Anywhere from fifty to 300 lives have been lost by the Wabash river flood in Peru, Ind.

Twenty are believed to have been drowned in West Indianapolis and forty in Brooksville, in the southeastern part of the state. It is also reported that the villages of Metamora, Cedar Grove and New Trenton were destroyed. These villages were south of Brooksville. Loss of life at other points throughout the state is believed to be immense. Every hour brings further reports of deaths.

A message late today from Peru says the property loss there will be \$2,500,000. The citizens have formed a vigilance committee to shoot looters on sight.

The only dead so far identified are Mrs. Rose Whittle and Mrs. Elsie Smith.

#### Call for More Help.

The only communication with Peru today was over a feeble telephone line. The rescuers, who had entered the city with the greatest difficulty, reported that much food

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### BULLETINS

DAYTON, O., March 27—4 a. m.—The fire in the business section is still burning fiercely. The advance of the flames seems to have changed in general direction from northwest to straight west. Efforts to ascertain if buildings housing refugees have burned are unavailable. It is impossible to come within a mile of the blaze.

At 1:30 this morning state guardsmen shot and killed a man attempting to loot a residence on W. 5th-st.

LIMA, O., March 26.—That at least 500 people lost their lives in the flood at Piqua and that fifty were drowned at Troy was reported by C. C. Moore, telephone inspector of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad, who returned to this city tonight after viewing the situation in both cities. Moore said Piqua refugees had been without food for a day and a half.

COLUMBUS, O., March 26.—Operator Bell, who has been furnishing Gov. Cox with information as to Dayton conditions, telephoned late tonight the fire had revived and that he had to abandon his post.

COLUMBUS, March 26.—Advices from Lewistown say the dike holding Lewistown reservoir has worn down to a thickness of only nine feet. The telephone operator is working in four feet of water.

COLUMBUS, O., March 26.—A member of a West Side rescue party late tonight reported a score or more were trapped and drowned at the altar in the Avondale U. B. church, Avondale-av and W. State.

SHARON, Pa., March 26.—Eight people are dead, 2,000 homeless and over \$1,250,000 damage was done here today when the Shemango river overflowed and inundated over 200 acres of the city and the immediate neighborhood.

Reports from the harbor master last night showed the Cuyahoga river to be slowly rising after a drop of 72 inches during the day. A rise of six and one-half inches was recorded between 10 p. m. and 2 a. m. at the Standard Oil Co., Jefferson-st. At 2 a. m. snow began to fall.

### BOIL WATER, SAYS DR. FORD.

Fearing that the Cuyahoga river flood has carried contaminated water far out to the intake, Secretary C. E. Ford of the board of health yesterday issued a "boil the water" warning to the public. Health Officer Martin Friedrith believes that the flood may carry water from the river out to the intake and suggested that if an oily taste is detected in the water supply the water should be boiled. In Dr. Ford's opinion, although no immediate danger from typhoid is apparent, the people should boil the water at this time in order to be on the safe side.

### FLOOD'S DEATH LIST GROWS AS FLAMES ADD TO HORROR

Fatalities Believed to Have Mounted Higher in Dayton by Burning of Refugee Filled Buildings.

#### ESCAPE FLOOD IN DAYTON

CHICAGO, March 26.—The first list of persons known to have survived the Dayton flood was received at the offices of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. here tonight. The list includes persons marooned in the Y. M. C. A. building and Algonquin hotel. The names of others also in these buildings had not been ascertained.

In the Y. M. C. A. building—Hendricks. In the Algonquin hotel—Edward Nahan, W. H. Eelen, Weichenburger, M. O. Southwork, F. E. Corbet, H. B. Gorresant, C. B. Parker, Edward F. Fox, Q. J. Roskosh, Roy J. Ochofox, M. J. Patterson, H. M. Clark and Kirk.

COLUMBUS, O., March 26.—Dayton's flood death list was increased tonight and today by five.

Latest estimates of the number of dead place the figures anywhere between 1,000 and 2,000.

Flames, fed by broken gas mains, have burned buildings to the water's edge and Dayton has had no means of fighting the fire.

That the fire had destroyed the Beekel hotel, where there were supposed to be more than 200 flood refugees, was the consensus of opinion of scores of watchers on the top of the National Cash Register building, nearly two miles from the scene of the flames.

#### Can't Get Near Burning Buildings.

Investigation of the fire at close range was an utter impossibility. More than a mile of flood water intervened between the point where the staunchest boats dared to venture into the area of flames.

Whether the refugees supposed to have been in the hotel escaped is only a matter of conjecture.

The fire, which started late this afternoon, seemed early this evening to be dying, but late tonight the wind veered and the flames were given a fresh start.

The rain has ceased and the aid it gave in quenching the flames is thus lost. The temperature has been falling rapidly since 9 o'clock and fears are expressed that it will reach freezing before morning.

#### Fire Probably Adds to Death Roll.

It is feared the fire today added to the death list, for the downtown buildings through which the fire swept were crowded with refugees who had fled to the upper stories from the floods in the streets.

Reports have been telephoned here from Phoneton that men and women were seen running across the roofs of buildings to escape the fire. It is reported too that a number of persons jumped into the water to escape the fire. This report appears to have been confirmed in the case of the Russel apartments on 3d-st. National Guardsmen took people off houses on 2d-st in the exclusive residential district.

Troy reports, over a telephone wire, that Piqua is on fire and that the flames of the fire are plainly visible at Troy. Piqua reported a heavy death loss which has up to tonight been unconfirmed.

Gov. Cox has asked the Associated Press to notify its West Virginia correspondents to get into touch with natural gas companies that supply Dayton with gas and ask them to shut off the supply in Dayton.

#### Exploding Tank Starts Fire.

The fire is reported to have started with the explosion of an oil tank containing hundreds of gallons, which bumped into a submerged building near Fourth and Jefferson-sts.

A message from the Western Union operator at Woolf Creek, O., says: "Every hour or so explosions occur in Dayton due to fires. The conditions are frightful and indescribable."

Maj. Smith, in command of the refugees state National Guard, has declared the city of Dayton under martial law. The militiamen have a number of boats, and rafts are being constructed in order to reach the business center of the city. The temperature is falling rapidly and the indications are that snow will fall before daylight, adding to the suffering of the refugees.

At 4:30 o'clock this afternoon Gov. Cox received a telephone message from Dayton that the Fourth National bank building had burned down. Among the concerns reported destroyed by fire is the Rike-Kumler dry goods store. The destruction of this property is not confirmed.

#### Wholesale Liquor District Threatened.

When this word was received by the governor the fire was about to reach the wholesale liquor district, and fear was expressed that that section would burn as if the flames were fed with gasoline.

For the reason that 3d-st is wide and the court house intervenes, it was thought maybe the flames could be checked before they spread to western portions of the city.

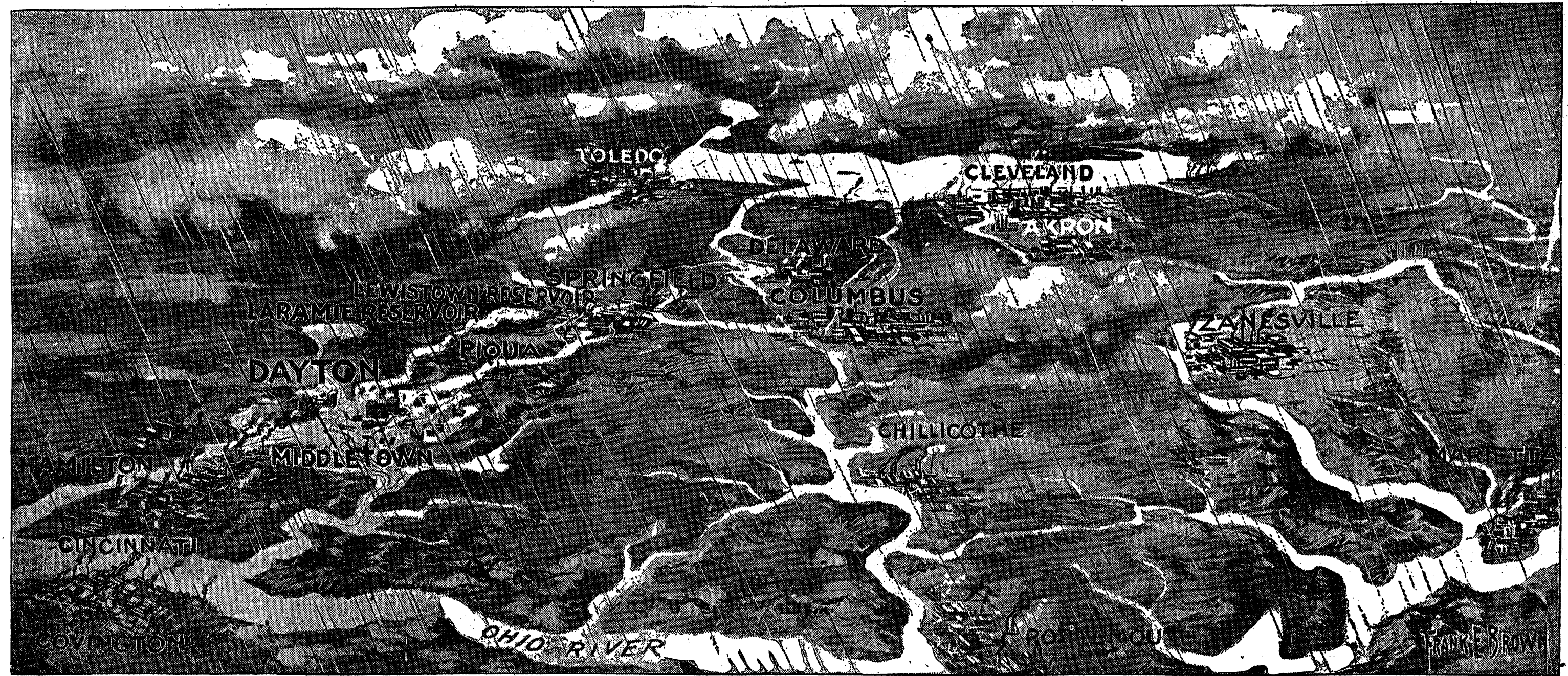
A gang of roughs went through the southern part of the city late tonight instructing the people to extinguish all lights for fear of a gas explosion, and then began raiding. University students from Cincinnati and the traffic officers dispersed them.

Late tonight the arrival of motorboats gave hope that by tomorrow the northern section of the city, now cut off by the big Miami's impassable barrier, may be penetrated, and then may be learned the fate of hundreds imprisoned by the torrent that poured down from the broken reservoir.

That the loss of life will not be less than 1,000, was the estimate.



# BIRDSEYE VIEW OF STATE FLOOD SWEEP FROM THE LAKE TO THE OHIO



## RESERVOIR MENACES AS DEAD LIST SWELLS

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result of the overflow of the Olentangy river, which officials say has done damage to the city estimated at \$2,000,000.

Only river water can be had to drink, and an epidemic of typhoid is feared.

**A Laundress That Will Not Disappoint—Maytag Electric Washer**

The Ideal Washday Helper. Price of washer saved in 36 weeks. Attached to any socket. **\$60**

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Mayor Bliss was rescued today from the top of a telephone pole, which he had climbed to rescue others.

Tonight Delaware is in great need of bread and gasoline with which to cook.

Company K of the Fourth regiment, O. N. G., was in charge of the city last night and today, with orders to shoot those not authorized who attempted to go into the flood district.

The students of Ohio Wesleyan university organized volunteer rescue troops and worked unceasingly. The homeless have been housed in the Y. M. C. A. and churches. All bridges across the river have been washed away, and only the most daring will attempt to communicate with those across the river by crawling across on a wire cable.

Report 200 Drownings in Village.

An unconfirmed report from the village of Stratford, five miles below Delaware, says 200 persons were drowned. The Columbus, Delaware & Marion power house is reported washed away. This is the first in-

formation from Stratford since the flood.

After a night of horror for the marooned flood sufferers at Hamilton on all sides today can be heard rumors of deaths due to the flood. At least a score are known to have perished, and it was reported that more than one hundred were killed when a monster reservoir north of Hamilton broke last night. This latter report was not verified.

To add to the horror of the situation fire broke out in the flooded district of Hamilton last night. One of the buildings reported to have burned was the Champion Coated Paper Co.'s plant. This plant was the second largest of its kind in the world and was built at a cost of over \$5,000,000. From the Hamilton telephone exchange building many houses were seen floating down the stream.

Occupants were seen in some of them. There are only a few boats that can be used in the work of rescue and relief.

Ohio National Guardsmen, who reached Hamilton from Cincinnati last night, are doing heroic work. They used four motor trucks and brought food and clothing.

**Lewis and Clark Reservoir Threatens.**

The situation in the Miami valley is precarious because of the menacing Lewis and Clark reservoir. The big dike at Lakeview has broken and this flood has taken to its utmost the great reservoir walls.

Sidney, one of the cities in the path of the reservoir, has had over 200 houses wrecked since this morning, and every public building, church and lodge room is filled with sufferers.

The family of George Connelly, consisting of his wife and thirteen children, are hundred yards from the nearest bank of the river in Sidney and have been driven to the roof; the house has been carried off its foundation and is expected to topple over at any moment.

Belmont, near the West Virginia line, is inundated, and four villages were drowned.

With the Ohio river rising rapidly, and all surrounding streams hurling a large volume of water into it, residents of Marietta are alarmed.

The towns of Stockport, Eversly, McCannville and Pleasant City are under water, and wire and railroad communications have been cut off.

Chillicothe, fifty miles south of here, in the Soloto valley, is flooded. The Central Union Telephone Co.'s office at that point was under water, cutting off communication with many towns south of Chillicothe. No loss of life is reported.

All the lowlands along the Tuscarawas river are under water. The village of Lockport is in danger, and supplies in the town have been exhausted. Two men are reported drowned there.

Circleville was cut off from railroad communication today, all trains on roads entering the town being annulled. The flood has wrought damage of several hundred thousand dollars; all bridges over the Soloto river washed away.

**Sandusky Valley Devastated.**

Death and intense suffering have marked the great flood which has swept clean the Sandusky valley.

There is a great deal of suffering and half under water. Fire Chief Albert Harris, who has had charge of the rescue work, estimates the loss of life at 100.

William S. Gilman, a private watchman, was drowned this afternoon at Toledo when his launch struck an obstruction in the flooded Maumee river and capsized. There has been no direct connection from Toledo with Lima or Fremont for nearly twenty-four hours, and today relief trains containing food and supplies of firemen and policemen are being pushed through to these towns from Toledo.

Five bridges were swept away at Lima, and the flooded area covers several blocks of the business section. At Fremont the Lake Shore railroad bridge was carried off its piers, and the bridge over the Portage river a few villages have been flooded.

With two-thirds of the city under water today, no gas for fuel and light, and no city water, the situation is desperate. There are eleven known dead. Frank Zoller, Hall Allen and Henry Heman Mill were carried down stream by the high waters. Last night Fremont officials sent appeals to Toledo, Port Clinton and Sandusky for boats manned by experts.

All responded. Port Clinton sent a relief train of boats and thirty men on special trains. All day the rescuers have worked in the flood districts and a thousand sufferers were taken to places of safety. One of the life savers named Flora was drowned when his boat capsized.

Hundreds of homeless are being cared for by the relief committees appointed at a mass meeting of citizens. Headquarters for the homeless have been established in the schools, city hall, churches, lodge rooms and private homes. The Fremont council appropriated \$500 for rescue work.

The damage to the Ballville Hydro Electric plant of Fremont may be \$200,000. A conservative estimate of total losses in Fremont is a million and a half dollars.

**Youngstown Under Martial Law.**

The Mahoning river, mounting to thirty-five feet above normal, has already caused an immense property loss. The Pennsylvania, P. & L. E. and Erie tracks have been washed away at Youngstown. The Republic Iron & Steel Co., Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., William Todd Co. and practically all other plants are inoperable.

Three bridges across the Mahoning have been swept away, and two more are expected to go.

Youngstown has been under martial law since 10 o'clock this morning and all saloons are closed.

Companies H and M, Logan Rifles, and the O. N. G. are on duty, picking the line of flood. Sewerage backing up into dwellings in the lower districts has precipitated an epidemic of scarlet fever and measles. Unless relief comes in a few hours, health authorities state that the health of the entire community will be jeopardized.

The city's water supply, gas, electricity and all means of communication, with the exception of telephones, have been cut off. The greatest height of the flood is not yet in sight. The barometer is still falling. Two fatalities are reported at Youngstown.

Frank Wilkinson and Howard Flood drowned and Mrs. Mary Flood and Mrs. Fanny Jones barely escaped death while being rescued from their homes at Warren. Business there is paralyzed and light and power plants are shut down. All Warren bridges, including railroad trestles, are seriously threatened and may go out.

The West Side is shut off from fire protection.

The Erie has 1,500 feet of track washed out at Leavittsburg and the Lake Shore has a mile and a half gone on the Alliance branch between Briceville and Newton Falls. Warren churches and lodges are caring for the destitute.

**Middletown Has Vigilance Force.**

At Middletown there is no way of estimating the death toll. How many lost their lives will not be known until the waters recede and the many marooned houses are examined. The work of relief for the homeless started today. Supplies are scant and unless more can be got into the city within twenty-four hours famine will add to the misery of the flood sufferers.

Mayor Jacob Heer of Middletown today ordered all saloons closed until the flood is over. A citizen vigilance committee headed by David Lundy of Middletown and Dr. Otto P. Geir of Cincinnati will see that the order is enforced. The police in the first two hours of their work today rescued 104 persons. The water is two miles wide.

Oberlin college and Oberlin village have felt the effects of the flood. The excess water played havoc with the heating systems in the college building, and consequently, the deans today declared all classes dismissed until after the Easter vacation, which was to commence Wednesday noon.

Water has invaded Finney chapel on the main floor of the mammoth assembly room. Because of the flow of water in the basement of the Gripman Boarding hall, forty girls were forced to thrive on cold meals today. Traffic on the Cleveland, South-

western & Columbus Electric between Oberlin and Wallington and Oberlin and Norwalk was tied up most of day due to wash-outs.

Fred Kuennel, 52, was the only Mansfield resident drowned in the flood. He was caught by the waters Monday and his body was found today. Property loss from the flood at Mansfield will reach into many thousands. Some of the factories will be shut down for a month and operations suspended in others until next week.

At Sandusky a cold drizzling rain tonight developed into a sleet storm and added to the misery of the hundreds existing in fireless and foodless homes, surrounded by floods. Punks had to be postponed this afternoon because the thoroughfares between Sandusky and Oakland cemetery are under water, and the dead were consigned to morgues. Murky water pouring into Sandusky bay below Fremont has rendered the filtration plant inefficient and Sandusky faces a drinking water famine.

**Sandusky Prepares to Aid.**

The Sandusky board of control met tonight and took steps to send food and clothing into the state wherever needed. A supply station will be opened in the city tomorrow. The New York Central lines tonight wired an offer to convey free of charge all goods consigned by the mayor.

Conditions at Lorain are rapidly getting back to normal. Street car traffic was resumed today and the streets cleared of the debris. The steamer W. J. Linn, which broke away from its dock yesterday, is still

lying across the channel, but the steamer J. B. Eads has been secured to the dock. The steamer Presque Isle drifted against a dock and tore a big hole in its hull. The American Ship Building Co. estimates its loss at \$15,000.

Elyria is still in darkness and will

probably remain so for several days. The council met tonight and passed a resolution asking the state legislature to permit the county commissioners to rebuild the Washington bridge. Four people were reported drowned

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Unless you come in early today, we cannot promise you a Hoosier Club Membership. We are having scores of callers—and one eight of the Hoosier means a prospective member.

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**\$6.75** A dozen pretty models, serge, whipcords, bedford cords, poplins and bengalines, all colors, navy, mandarin, snuff, copenhagen and black, splendid \$12.50 dresses, today, \$6.75.

**Women's \$15.00 Dresses for \$9.95**

**\$9.95** Two racks full, all from our regular stock, brand new goods, eponge, serges, bedford cords, all colors, black, navy, taupe, brown, copenhagen, etc., dresses that are bargains at \$15.00, today \$9.95.

**Women's \$20 Street Dresses \$13.50**

Choice of 150 all-wool eponge, bedford cords, serges, shepherd checks, fancy stripes and all new plain spring colors, all brand new models, at \$13.50.

**EXTRA SPECIAL!**

**Street or Afternoon Dresses \$11.75 Bought to sell at \$17.50, new models, of eponge, poplin, serge, whipcord and bengaline, light or dark colors, for street or afternoon service, all sizes, styles and kinds, regular \$17.50 values, \$11.75.**

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# APPALLING EXTENT OF DAYTON DISASTER COMES AS WRITERS ENTER THE CITY

ported to have been drowned, were rescued tonight. For three days they have been standing packed like sardines in a box.

The worst condition, found near the center of the flood, was in the workhouse, where sixty prisoners have not had a drop of water nor a bite of food since Tuesday. The men revolted Tuesday night and demanded their liberty and a chance to fight for their lives. Since then the workhouse has been a madhouse, according to Supt. Johnson. The prisoners repeatedly fought with Johnson and threatened to kill him and his family.

Johnson asked that a detachment of the National Guard be assigned to help him handle the men. He declared the men would have to be shot if they escaped from their cells.

## No Word Heard From Dayton's Mayor.

No word has been heard from Mayor Phillips. The chief of police had been unable to get near the Phillips house and did not know whether the mayor would be found dead or alive.

North of Burns-av, as far as 4th-st, the water was found to be three feet to six feet deep. Beyond 4th-st the water has receded, making it possible, in many places, to proceed on foot.

From 4th-st to the Big Miami river relief work was taken up by a committee headed by Chief Allaback. All the grocery stores were commandeered, and, although in most cases the goods were covered with water, yet sufficient supplies were found to prevent great suffering among those in the interior dry strip.

The food situation was relieved temporarily by the arrival today of a special train from Richmond, Ind., bringing seven cars of provisions. Tonight Quartermaster Logan received word from United States Army Quartermaster General Alshire that 300,000 rations had been ordered shipped here from Chicago, 100 ranges and one complete quartermaster depot from Columbus, O.; 3,300 tents, 100 hospital tents and 400 stoves from Philadelphia, and 300,000 blankets and 500 bed sacks from St. Louis or Cincinnati. Quartermaster Logan is authorized to purchase in open market all rations needed.

While there may be many deaths in individual homes, which have been without food or drink, there was no place but the workhouse where any considerable number of people were held without food. None had had enough, but no case approaching actual starvation was found.

Knowledge that the death list is likely to prove so low in the downtown section tonight gave rise to a hope that even in North Dayton, about which nearly all hope had been abandoned, there might be comparatively few deaths.

**Plaintiffs Accuse at Special Morgue.**

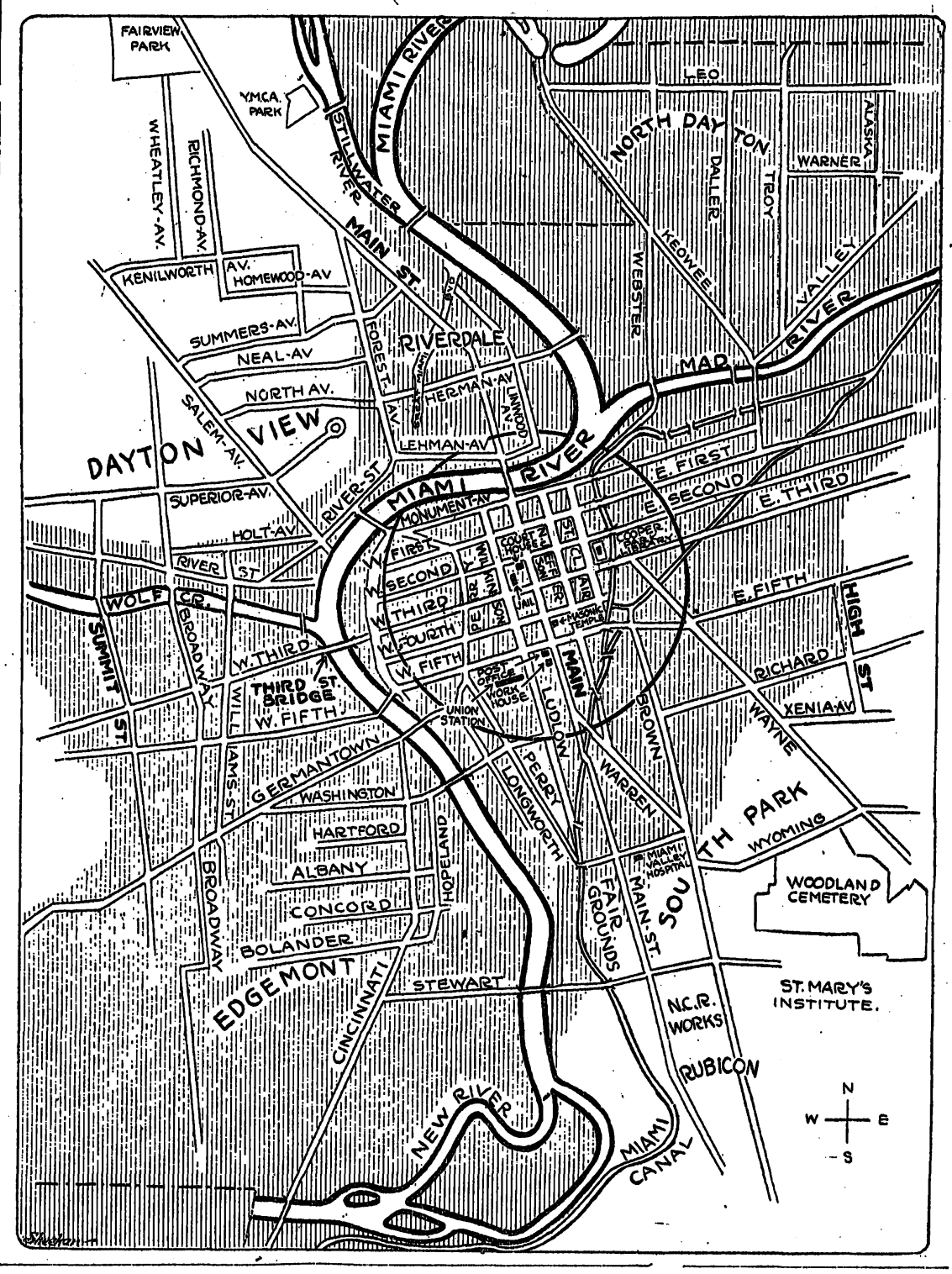
At the rescue stations the scenes today were heartrending and the most pitiful scenes occurred at the temporary morgues. At the West Dayton morgue frantic crowds all day and tonight watched every body brought in, every hoping against hope it was not that of one of his loved ones. Women became hysterical at times when searching for missing members of their families whom they had failed to find at the relief stations.

In addition to refuge homes, the authorities are maintaining an identification bureau where all persons rescued or cured for are registered. These friends are directed in their search.

The progress of the first canoe into the waterborne district was greeted by appeals for bread and water. In nearly every house left standing wailing faces were to be seen pressed against window panes. All these people were asked whether there had been any deaths, and with only a few exceptions all replied that there had not.

Although heartened by news from

## MAP SHOWS SECTION OF DAYTON DAMAGED



across the river from the business section.

The river forms a horseshoe around the business district, making it impossible to reach that part until the torrents that are pouring down the valley recedes. Dayton View, West Dayton and Riverdale are the only sections between which communication is possible.

A report which had been current in the water district south of Main-st. that Adjt. Gen. Wood had been fatally injured by falling plate glass, proved to be untrue. Gen. Wood now is in full charge of the relief work, and although his arm had been badly cut, his condition was not serious.

Two hundred women and babies found refuge in a paint factory in North Dayton, where, it is believed, they have found sufficient food to keep them from acute suffering. An effort is to be made at once to rescue them.

The suburb of Riverdale, up to Helena-st, has been penetrated by the flood. The situation there is not so dire as in the southern suburbs. Everyone has been crowded to the second floors or roofs of their homes. But few of the more stable dwellings there were washed away. The district north of Helena-st has not been reached, but it is not believed the conditions there will prove as bad as had been feared.

Nothing is known of the foreign settlement in North Dayton, close to the Miami river. This was the part of the city where the flood first made its way and where the occupants of the houses had ignored warnings to leave. It was here also that it was feared most of the deaths would occur. The only body found was that of Charles Parker, a liveman, discovered in the court house yard.

\$25,000,000 Lost.

There were tentative figures of damage that placed Dayton's pecuniary loss at \$25,000,000, estimated by persons who had explored parts of the flood area. Several statisticians set the loss at a higher figure, but most expert opinion agreed on \$25,000,000. It was said 2,000 residences were damaged to the extent of \$2,000 each; 6,000 homes were classified under damage figures of \$1,000, and it was believed 7,000 could not be repaired for less than \$500 each.

Damage to buildings in the business district was set at a conservative figure of \$2,000,000, and it was believed this amount would apply to stocks of stores. Figures available at manufacturing plants which suffered placed damage under this head at \$1,000,000. The loss on automobiles was set at \$500,000, this figure having been reached by estimating the damage to at least 1,000 machines. It was believed the damage to household goods would mount into the millions, because in many sections of the submerged area the water reached to the

## PLAIN DEALER STAFF MEN NOW IN DAYTON.

Cleveland relief corps boats reached Dayton at 5 p. m. yesterday. Three Plain Dealer staff men are with the relief expeditions reported as having entered Dayton. It was impossible, however, for the Plain Dealer representatives to get a wire out of Dayton last night.

This information was conveyed in a message received last night by Mayor Baker during a meeting of the charter commission. Gov. Cox was at the other end of the long distance telephone.

Gov. Cox also informed Mayor Baker that it was hoped to reach Dayton with powerboats by way of Piqua.

## STORM TOLL

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**IN AKRON, O.**  
John Keady, 38, driver.  
R. McAlister, 38, driver.  
Milton Sell.  
Edward Newman.  
Unidentified baby.  
Unidentified man, foreigner.

**IN FREMONT, O.**  
Frank Zoller.  
Hall Allen.  
Henry Hill.  
Flora, life saver.

**IN COSHOOTON, O.**  
Edward Hawley.  
Mrs. Hawley.  
Hawley child, aged 2.  
Boulder, Hawley home.

**IN LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO.**  
George Dike, Toledo, wreck caused by flood.  
William Shanklin, Massillon, wreck.  
Fred Burr, Massillon, wreck.

**IN MILLERSBURG, O.**  
Harry Workman.  
Workman child.

**IN ADA, O.**  
Charles Morse.  
Nolan McDrew.

**IN STEUBENSBURG, O.**  
Stanley Fernald, boy.

**IN PINE FORK, O.**  
Harney Deville.

**IN MASSILLON, O.**  
Family of five, Hungarians.

**IN BRINKSHAVEN, O.**  
E. W. Goddard.  
Mrs. Goddard.  
Two Goddard children.

**IN FINDLAY, O.**  
McGowan, policeman.  
Frank Henderson.

**IN WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO.**  
Frank Erb, Smithville.

**IN FUNK, O.**  
Ridde.

**IN INDIANAPOLIS, IND.**  
William Morris.  
Mr. Morris and wife.  
Mr. Morris children.  
Mr. Morris, 14.  
Kittie Wine, 7 years old.

**IN FT. WAYNE, IND.**  
Mother Cramer, aged 14.  
Aida Wood, aged 15.  
Alice Hiddle, 14.  
Kittie Wine, 7 years old.

**IN PEBU, IND.**  
Mrs. Rose Whitte.  
Mrs. Elsie Smith.

**IN PITTSBURG, PA.**  
D. J. Thater, oil operator.

were burst by the flood; manholes were simply blown from the earth. It will be many days before the water service can be restored and it will be more than a week before street car companies can operate. Electric lights are something which probably will not be known in Dayton for from ten to fourteen days, and authorities believe energetic measures necessary.

One of the remarkable features was the cheerful spirit with which flood victims viewed their plight. This was due to the fact that in many years. Much of the submerged area had been considered safe from high water, but as the majority of the residents of the sections looked out on all sides upon a great sweep of muddy, swiftly moving water, they seem undisturbed.

In some of the poorer sections the attitude of the marooned was not so cheerful. As a motorboat passed beneath the second floor of one partly submerged house, a man leaned out and threatened to shoot unless the crew took off his wife and a baby who was born yesterday. The woman, almost dying, was let from the window by rope and taken to a place of refuge.

Further on, members of a motorboat party were startled by shots in the second floor of a house about which the feet of water swirled. The boat was stopped and a man peered from the window of the house.

"Why are you shooting?" he was asked.

"Oh, just amusing myself, shooting at rats that come upstairs. When are you going to take me out of here?" he replied.

Captain on the H. E. Lockhart declared that water in North Dayton, Miami City and East Dayton reached the house tops. His estimate of the number of dead in that district was 280.

The bodies of a woman and a baby were seen floating down Jefferson-st, one of Dayton's main thoroughfares. It was thought they came from the district north of the river.

According to city officials, it is impossible to estimate the number who perished in the fire which last night swept the entire district on the north side of 3d-st between Jefferson-st and the canal, a distance of more than a square and a half.

All patrons in the Beckel hotel are safe. Extensive preparations were made last night for their rescue when the building was threatened by fire. Police and volunteers converged to bring out the guests and the tops of adjoining buildings to a point of safety.

The flood situation tonight appeared brighter than this morning. There was less water in the streets, and dinner left after 1 o'clock tonight, and it was believed the many trains of food and provisions on the way would reach the city tomorrow.

The water receded rapidly today. An occasional snow flurry and biting gusts of winds added to the discomfort of the city, but they remained steadily at work.

**Publish Free Paper.**

The emergency committee today began publication of an official newspaper from the plant of the National Cash Register Co. It was a one-sheet paper designed for free circulation to all accessible parts of the city. Its leading article warned the people to beware of thieves and burglars.

A special train of thirty physicians, ten nurses and carrying a large quantity of medical supplies was made up early today and left over the Cincinnati, Lebanon & Northern railroad for Dayton.

Ten electric street car trucks filled with food and medical supplies left for Hamilton in an endeavor to reach that city.

Relief stations in Dayton View, the Longfellow school and in Riverdale the Van Cleave school tonight were crowded with refugees.

At both these stations food and dry clothing were plentiful, but pneumonia had attacked many of the women and children at the Van Cleave school. The third floor was turned into a hospital and all available doctors were sent to the school houses.

The water is receding rapidly in the northern section of the city, showing to some extent the great property loss, but it was said few bodies had been found in the debris. Wrecked houses blocked many of the streets. Most of these wrecks had traveled down the current from North Dayton, which is inhabited principally by foreigners.

Financial committees of the several districts report liberal responses to their appeals. At the Dayton View station \$4,000 had been raised this afternoon, and other stations reported like amounts.

Many thrilling stories were told by the refugees who had been trapped

in their attics and on their roofs in the very hour of the flood.

**Tele. Cable Rescue.**

A. J. Bard of Belmont, who was penned in the City National Bank building on 3d-st, near Main, Tuesday, was rescued today.

He and fifty of us were caught in the building," said Mr. Bard. "We remained there until the fire started, then we began to plan an escape."

"We cut the elevator cables, obtained a ball of twine and made a small wire from one of the offices. We attracted a boatman, who risked his life to come to us. We gave the boatman one end of the twine and he rowed to the old court house. He then pulled the wire over and after that the heavy cable."

"One end of the cable was made fast in the bank building and the other in the old court house. With only the light of the burning structures, the 150 persons in the bank building made their way hand over hand along the cable, over the swirling torrent to the court house. I believe everyone, men and women, made the trip in safety. During our imprisonment I had two crackers and a slice of pie."

"The city hall did not burn, but the Leonard building, just across the street, collapsed. Part of the Beckel hotel also burned before the water came."

"The fire swept both sides of 3d-st between Jefferson and St. Clair-st, leaving only the Fourth National Bank building standing. You bet I'm glad to get out of it and I'm deeply grateful to the brave men who came to our rescue."

Foreigners killed their countrymen and even members of their families in their efforts to escape the flood, according to John Volbrecht of Yukawa-st, in North Dayton, who was taken from the one remaining abutment of the Herman-st bridge today. Volbrecht said he was at his home with his family when the flood struck North Dayton. The house was picked up by the current and carried against the Herman-st bridge. Volbrecht said he leaped to the bridge, and didn't know what became of his family.

One woman, with a 10-day-old baby, climbed over the roof of a house to reach the rescuers today.

With the arrival tonight of a life saving crew from Louisville, the naval militia from Toledo, trainloads of provisions and additional guards, prospects for the rescue of 60,000 persons still imprisoned by Tuesday's flood brightened.

Hope was renewed that explorations of the life saving crew in these districts with which communication has been impossible since Tuesday, would reveal the true extent of the flood's toll.

Capt. Gileoley, with his Louisville crew, planned to leave at dawn for North Dayton. Thence he was to work around to Riverdale, placing relief stations on the river's edge.

Up to a late hour tonight verification of reports of tremendous life loss had been impossible. Few corpses had been found and rescue squads declared they believed many bodies had been washed by the swift current beneath great heaps of debris.

Members of the state board of health, who are working to prevent the spread of disease from the bodies of the dead, are now working to prevent the spread of disease from the bodies of the dead.

Wire communication from here to the outside world today was re-established on a satisfactory basis for the first time since the disaster. Telephone and telegraph companies out of commission.

The temporary Western Union headquarters and a branch station have been swamped with messages reassuring anxious relatives or telling of missing or drowned persons.

Just how eager the citizens were to establish communication with the outside world was shown upon the arrival of Associated Press representatives and the Western Union squad yesterday. The first day the city's newspaper men were taken to relief headquarters in Riverdale. Robert Pullon, one of the volunteer guardsmen, with a telephone linemen, was detailed by Chairman Hendrickson of the relief committee to aid in tapping

## PUPILS TO AID STRICKEN

Asked to Help in Relief Work for Flood Victims.

Circulars appealing to teachers and pupils in the public schools to contribute to the relief funds were sent out by Superintendent of Schools J. M. II. Freeman yesterday.

National humanitarian associations here of the Hungarian-American association has issued appeals to all Hungarians in the United States to contribute to relief funds. The appeal will be published in all Hungarian newspapers and the funds will be handled here.

The Marie Dressler company at the Colonial theater in will give a special benefit performance Monday afternoon under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Mulholland Underwriting Co., 3581 Prospect-av, S. E., Thursday wired Gov. Cox to offer to send to stricken Dayton without charge all coffins it has on hand.

## Fine China For Gifts—

The exceptional character of our stock, representing products of the most celebrated factories, enables us to offer an interesting display of articles for gift purposes.

Our lines include the wares of Minton, Cauldon, Coalport and Wedgwood, the great china makers, while the French manufacturers are well represented in this extensive stock we carry.

Gifts chosen from our china department possess a measure of utility which will make them doubly appreciated and the name of the makers insure a practical and artistic worth in every piece.

**The Cowell & Hubbard Company**  
605 Euclid Avenue

**The Halle Bros. Co.**  
A Telephone Suggestion

You might phone today for three pairs of "Nugrain" hose—the kind which are smooth and fine and yet which possess wearing qualities out of the ordinary.

They are of a good true black and are made extra wide at the top, which provides unusual wear.

They are priced at three pairs for \$1.00.

Call North 1700 or Erie 93 and give your order to the Telephone Shopper.

**Tunics Specially Priced**

The tunics comprised in the sale offered this week are such as will convert a simple slip to a most attractive evening gown.

The styles are varied and the colorings include black and white as well as pink, Copenhagen, apricot and oriental combinations in black.

Moreover the prices are such as to make a purchase at this time economical.

**The Halle Bros. Co.**  
**Pullman Robes—\$5.85**  
We place on sale today a special value in heavy China silk Pullman robes.  
They come in plain dark colors made full belted. They have elbow length sleeves and attached hood, which protects the hair from dust and cinders.  
While the limited quantity remains they will be underpriced at \$5.85. (Third Floor)

**The Halle Bros. Co.**  
**A Neckwear Special**  
We will place on sale today 250 articles of women's neckwear, principally black satin models with jabot, suitable for wearing with new Spring suits.  
They represent, in many cases, samples received during the early season from Paris and New York.  
They are underpriced about one-half and grouped in three lots at  
25c, 50c and \$1.00 (Main Floor)

lena-st, has been penetrated by the flood. The situation there is not so dire as in the southern suburbs. Everyone has been crowded to the second floors or roofs of their homes. But few of the more stable dwellings there were washed away. The district north of Helena-st has not been reached, but it is not believed the conditions there will prove as bad as had been feared.

Nothing is known of the foreign settlement in North Dayton, close to the Miami river. This was the part of the city where the flood first made its way and where the occupants of the houses had ignored warnings to leave. It was here also that it was feared most of the deaths would occur. The only body found was that of Charles Parker, a liveman, discovered in the court house yard.

\$25,000,000 Lost.

There were tentative figures of damage that placed Dayton's pecuniary loss at \$25,000,000, estimated by persons who had explored parts of the flood area. Several statisticians set the loss at a higher figure, but most expert opinion agreed on \$25,000,000. It was said 2,000 residences were damaged to the extent of \$2,000 each; 6,000 homes were classified under damage figures of \$1,000, and it was believed 7,000 could not be repaired for less than \$500 each.

Damage to buildings in the business district was set at a conservative figure of \$2,000,000, and it was believed this amount would apply to stocks of stores. Figures available at manufacturing plants which suffered placed damage under this head at \$1,000,000. The loss on automobiles was set at \$500,000, this figure having been reached by estimating the damage to at least 1,000 machines. It was believed the damage to household goods would mount into the millions, because in many sections of the submerged area the water reached to the

**The Halle Bros. Co.**  
**Tailored Silk Shirts for Women \$3.75**  
We place on sale today a special value in women's tailored silk shirts of a heavy weight Habutai wash silk.  
They are made with shoulder pleat, French collars and cuffs and are finished with round Jade buttons.  
They come in white, striped with colors, and are unusual values at \$3.75. (Fourth Floor)

**The Halle Bros. Co.**  
**Pin Sets 50c**  
Today we will place on sale a special value in Sterling Silver or gold plated collar and cuff pin sets.  
The silver sets are engraved and the gold sets can be had in a choice of plain or engraved styles.  
They are underpriced approximately half, at 50c a set. (Main Floor)

**The Halle Bros. Co.**  
**Announces**  
**A Sale of Irish Crochet Laces**  
Beginning today we will sell a comprehensive assortment of Real Irish laces. They are suitable for jabots, collars, lingerie purposes and trimming children's fine dresses, and are priced at one-third or more less than usual.

There are narrow plait edgings priced as low as 16c a yard, and insertions and edges to match, from five-eighths to six inches wide, in Baby Irish patterns with the characteristic shamrock and rose motifs and the more elaborate Irish patterns.

The greater portion of them has been grouped to sell at  
33c, 55c, 80c, \$1.45 and \$1.70 a yard (Main Floor)

**PLAIN DEALER PENNANT COUPON**  
This coupon presented with a bonus of 15c at E. 6th and Superior or at any Plain Dealer pennant station entitles the bearer to a genuine felt embossed pennant.

The Plain Dealer is conducting a gigantic distribution of pennants to its readers. Reserve, Case, Yale, Harvard, Princeton and many other colleges and many fraternal orders are on hand. Present the above coupon at the Plain Dealer business office or at any Plain Dealer pennant branch.

We are glad to welcome you all to our new store.  
**639 Prospect Ave. S. E.**  
**THE WEIDENTHAL PHOTO SUPPLY CO.**  
639 PROSPECT AV. S. E.

**W.L. DOUGLAS SHOES**  
\$3.50, \$4.00 & \$4.50  
THE LARGEST MAKER OF MEN'S SHOES  
Look in W. L. Douglas shoes everywhere and you will see shoes for \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50 that are just as good in style, fit and wear as other makes costing \$5.00 to \$7.00. The only difference is the price. Shoes in all leathers, styles and shapes to suit everybody. If you could visit W. L. Douglas large factories at Brockton, Mass., and see how carefully W. L. Douglas shoes are made, you would then understand why they are warranted to fit better, look better, hold their shape and wear longer than any other make for the price.

The Best \$2.00 and \$2.50 Boys' Shoes in the World.

**CAUTION**  
TAKE NO SUBSTITUTE.  
If W. L. Douglas shoes are not for sale in your vicinity, order direct from the factory and save the middleman's profit. Shoes for every member of the family. Write for Illustrated Catalogue. How to order and how to wear W. L. Douglas shoes. You can save money on your footwear. Write for your money back guarantee. W. L. Douglas Shoe Co., 312 Superior Ave., N. W. 406 Superior Avenue, N. E.



# HUNDREDS PERISH IN COLUMBUS CHURCHES WHERE THEY SOUGHT SAFETY

## CITIES OFFER HELP TO STRICKEN STATE

Send Word of Supplies and Money on Way to Aid Ohio Sufferers.

Assistance Comes From All Sections of United States.

Plain Dealer Bureau, 44 E. Broad-st., COLUMBUS, O., March 27.—Generous humanity all over the land was revealed in the flood offers that came pouring from all directions to Gov. Cox today.

Newark, New Jersey wired that several carloads of supplies had been shipped and an expressed satisfaction that it could aid the flood sufferers. Other cities were prompt in offering aid.

Terry, Mont., a small hamlet, wired \$50 to the relief fund. It expressed pleasure in being able to do a little. It is in the extreme western part of that state.

Denver wired \$1,050. Other cities promised to wire funds tomorrow. The Mormon church at Salt Lake wired \$5,000.

Messages came from Governors Sullivan of New York, Fox of Massachusetts, Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston, the St. Louis corporation, the South Bend, Ind., and private individuals. Practically every message asked what is most needed.

The Studebaker corporation, South Bend, Ind., wired \$1,000.

L. H. Doherty, gas magnate of New York, wired Gov. Cox to draw on him for \$10,000.

Thomas J. Watson of the National Cash Register Co. at Dayton, who was temporarily in New York wired that a representative of the cash register company was leaving New York with a special train containing food, medicines, water and blankets.

Gov. Cox wired the Associated Press to send out notices that all contributions be sent to Col. E. S. Wilson, treasurer of the relief committee.

Washington, C. D., suffered no ill effects from the flood and today sent aid to three cities in trouble. First, the first city in the state to be hit by the flood, today sent a train of help and provisions to Ottawa.

Nelsonville is in danger tonight from a great dike above a city that is about to break. Nelsonville was relieved today by the people in the country about it.

General Counsel Frank Durbin of the Baltimore & Ohio morning there (Gov. Cox and Gen. John C. Speaks) this afternoon and arranged to have a train loaded with food for the people of Putnam made up at Lancaster and sent on to Columbus.

There it will be met by a train on the other side. The morning there will be food for the people. Putnam is their box car lodging house.

Warned by the message from Traffic Manager Green of the Baltimore & Ohio, the people had been moved up the hill to places of greater safety.

General Counsel Durbin, Representative of the Baltimore & Ohio, is in the city today. They have used every effort to get the situation in hand and lost no time in getting the state to order supplies.

Join This Hoosier Club Today Saturday May Be Too Late

Remember that this Hoosier club sale is limited to only 100 cabinets and you have no idea how low this allotment is for a city the size of Cleveland.

Why, the Hoosier Cabinets made in just one week last year would make 14 piles as high as the Washington monument, yet with all this tremendous output they were ten thousand cabinets short at Christmas time.

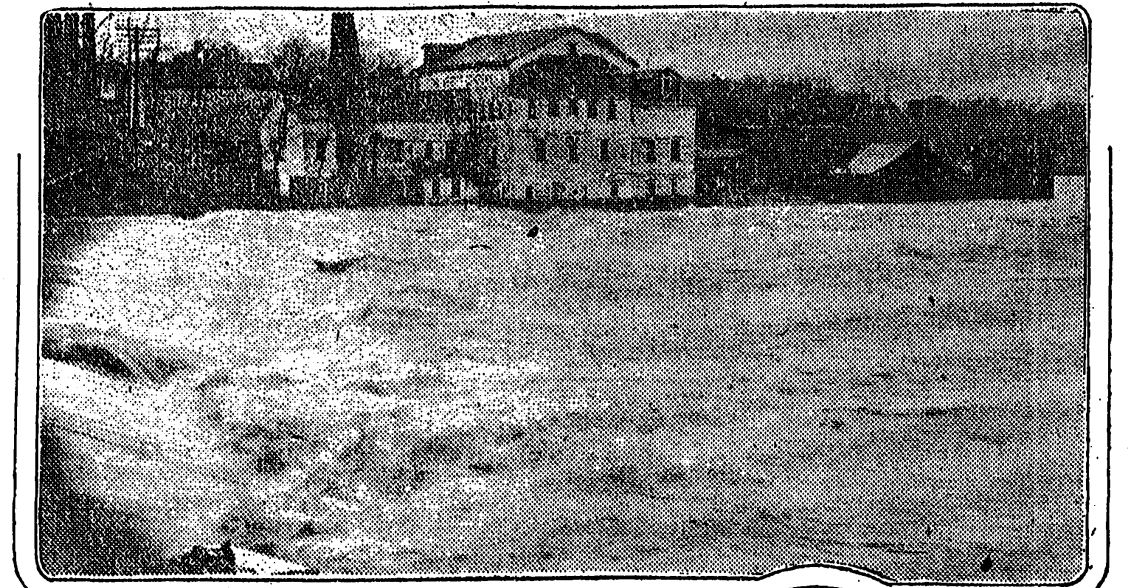
For two months back we have been trying to get the cabinets for this club sale, but the demand is so great that we have had to wait until this week.

But now your opportunity has arrived and by paying only one single dollar you can have your cabinet delivered at once and enjoy the use of it right away—the weekly dues are only \$1.00 and you can't buy a Hoosier one cent cheaper anywhere even if you paid spot cash for it.

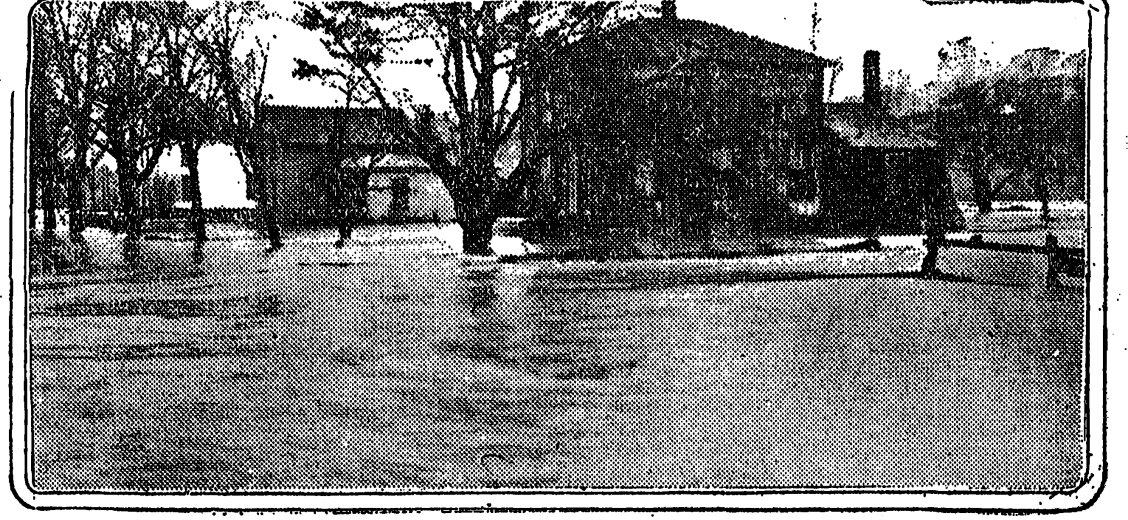
At noon yesterday we had enrolled 77 members, which means that only 23 more may join. Do not delay another day—you know in your heart how you hate the eternal drudgery of kitchen work. Now is the time to banish it forever.

**BROWN BROS.**  
The Blue Store, 2040-50 Ontario

## FLOOD SCENES IN PAINESVILLE AND VICINITY



GRAND RIVER ON A RAMPAGE



STREET SCENE IN PAINESVILLE

SPECIAL TO THE PLAIN DEALER.  
PAINESVILLE, O., March 27.—Rowboat grocery and coal delivery was established on the flats here today when families in the flooded district of the Grand river needed provisions after braving the flood that has surrounded their homes to a depth of several feet since yesterday morning.

At Bryan, millionaire bill poster, former Cleveland, who has a home over- looking the river valley, opened his house for flood sufferers. A. J. Erwin, relatives of D. J. Noonan, a sister of Father N. P. Monaghan and Thomas McCarthy, today residents, are in Dayton but have not been heard from. The Palport live saving crew has been ordered to the stricken city.

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Thousands of lines and tank cars on gasoline are being ordered for use in cleaning up flooded homes of Dayton. The same arrangements are being made for Columbus and will be made in a smaller way for other cities of the state.

## MOTHERS DIE WITH BABES AT BREAST

CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.

There is not known. But there are enough to test the mettle of the men who must remove them.

Through the windows of a near-by church—the West Park Methodist—the pastor peered this afternoon and he counted fifty-seven bodies. The church was packed with people, estimated that at least forty others were dead in apartments adjoining the church.

City Awakens to Its Task.

With such details before her, Columbus has awakened to a full realization of the awful task before her. She is blinding her wounded, succoring her homeless and burying her dead.

Columbus has opened its heart, its purse and its homes for the comfort of the stricken. Long lines of waiting autos are carrying women and children to homes all over the city, as the refugees are brought to the city hall. Homes that are ample and where society is highest are opened up quickly and as readily as the more modest apartments. There is neither rank nor station represented in the lines waiting with hands outstretched. They are citizens of Columbus. Their generous store and kindly help are for the aid and comfort of the distressed.

Women and children first. The rule of the sea is the rule of the land where brave men live. It was so this morning. It has been so all day. Men, hungry, cold, ill, stepped back that women and children might first be aided.

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## LEAP FROM BOATS AS SAFETY NEARS

Fear-Crazed Women at Peru, Ind., Jump to Death Despite Rescue.

Flood Kills Circus Animals, Declares Witness of Horrors.

PLYMOUTH, Ind., March 27.—Graphic description of the horrors of the flood that swept Peru, Ind., was given today by Gilbert Kessler, one of the heroes of the calamity.

Wary and almost unnerved from loss of sleep and sights he had witnessed, young Kessler staggered from the relief train from the stricken city. Kessler's most vivid picture was the suicide of several fear-crazed women, who leaped from rescue boats. The rushing current and the terrible sights, he declared, had maddened them.

"It was too awful ever to forget," said Kessler with a shudder. "It was cold and damp and misty, and the sight of the black water rushing on pitilessly seemed to take the heart out of most of us, especially the women."

"Night and day you could hear the shrieks of women. I was plotting one of the rescue boats to our landing, the court house, and the boat was pretty well filled. One of our passengers was a woman."

"We were moving rather shakily through one of the main streets when all of a sudden I saw this woman rise from her seat and begin to yell. 'Oh, what is the use. We'll all be drowned anyway,' and she plunged into the torrent."

The next morning I found myself in the water. I saw an arm stick up for a moment. I made a grab for it but it went down. There was no chance to swim in that Niagara. I struck the stern of a rowboat and seized it with one hand. Then I gradually drew myself aboard. I picked up one of our men a little later."

Later, we were bringing another boat load to the court house when a woman leaped out despairingly and all of us went over. Again it was a fight for life. I engaged in a struggle. Four times altogether I was thrown out and I am still wondering how I managed to escape.

This concept swept around street corner with tremendous force and only the most experienced oarsmen could propel craft with any degree of safety. One of the life savers from Michigan City was on the scene. We and we all landed in the tree tops."

Kessler gave a description of the flood on the first night.

According to the review of lions and neighing of horses and realized that sued to National Guardsmen doing police duty to arrest all suspicious characters, or to shoot on sight anyone found looting a house.

According to those who invaded the stricken West Side, the churches, big state institutions and store rooms in the hill-top section, are crowded with refugees.

Neither the true extent of the awful tragedies enacted during the sweeping away of homes nor the exact death toll will be known for days. The houses were wrecked, houses and uprooted trees, which are strewn on the level lowlands, south of the city, are uncovered. This mass of debris now under several feet of water with swift currents, running in many directions.

Many of those rescued tell of escaping from their homes by the back door. The escape was not without danger. The rushing waters swept their homes away and crushed them against bridges. Scores of entire families, these people assert, were swept down their houses in the swift current.

Estimates of a heavy loss of life in the extreme West Side are based upon the stories told by the hundreds rescued, and by scores witnessed by the rescuers who have been working continuously with rough boats for forty hours.

The bridge that spans the Central-av washed everything before it. According to refugees from that section there is not a house standing on Greenwood, and many of the houses are completely demolished.

The section between Central-av and Sandusky-st was almost wiped out. After the flood, the horror, during which hundreds clung to houseposts calling for help until their voices gave way, while dozens were perched in the branches of trees, scores lay beyond the reach of the rescuers.

The cold wave which struck the section last night caused many to freeze, lose their grip and drop into the water. With military precision rescuers standing on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad near Center-av could see several dead lying on the roof of a building.

At Glenwood and Thomas-av, the lifeless form of a man was still hanging in a tree. He had frozen during the night, as he was signaling for help before dark. Vandals looting help before dark.

Any fears that the storage dam northwest of this city might give way were allayed today when engineers who made a critical examination of the dam today made because of a wild panic yesterday which came as a result of a false report that the dam had broken.

the circus which has winter quarters in Peru had been engulfed. The lions and other animals in cages died in the trap, running into the water and swallowed them. The elephant escaped into the water and started for the shore and that was the last we saw of them."

**FINDS COUGH POOR BANK.**  
Saloonsist Pays \$150 in Lounge and Losses It.  
Charles Paszkowski, saloonkeeper at 4248 B. 71st-st, did not believe in banks but kept his ready money in a box

couch in his rooms above the saloon. When he went to the hiding place yesterday morning the money, amounting to \$150, was missing.  
Someone had sneaked into the living apartments while he was busy in the saloon and stolen the money. Paszkowski told the police of the seventh precinct.

## "WATCH US GROW"

### May Co. Friday Bargains

As Usual Are Sparkling With Splendid Economies  
COME TODAY AND PROFIT BY THE BIG SAVING ON JUST THE THINGS YOU NEED AND WANT TO BUY NOW.

Quantity Buying of regular lines right at the source of production, at home as well as abroad, and Clearance Lots of the Makers, which naturally go to the house with the biggest output (Like The May Co.). These two factors bring you opportunities to save a Fourth, a Third or a Half, on just the things you want and when you want them.

**May Co. Friday Bargains**  
are for Friday only. You cannot get them any other day, so if you want any of them you must come Friday. Mail or phone orders will not be accepted on any Friday Bargains, nor can we send any C. O. D. To Prevent Dealers Buying Quantities are Restricted

**That's Why**  
the crowds are here, rain or shine, for the people know May Co. bargains are too great to be missed.

**That's Why**  
instead of shopping here, there and everywhere, Friday buyers come straight to The May Co.

## Public Schools Will Close Today

Spring Vacation Next Week—Bring the Boys and Girls to The May Co.

This is an opportunity that thousands of parents take advantage of for the outfitting of the boys and girls in new Spring Clothes. Some very special lots of suits, coats, dresses, hats and shoes listed below are of unusual interest.

## Here Are the Spring Suits That Boys Want

No matter what price, style, size or color you have in mind—at The May Co. you'll find exactly the suit you want and moreover, you can pick from ten times the assortment to be found elsewhere.



**A Suit Special for Boys**  
\$7.00 Kinds for \$4.85  
Norfolk and double-breasted suit, with full peg top knickers, lined throughout, nobby cassimeres and Scotch effects, in the newest spring colorings, all sizes to 18 years, regular \$7.00 values, \$4.85.

**Boys' \$10.00 Blue Serge Suits \$7.85**  
Think of an offer like this right when you want suits! They have full extra peg knicker trousers, made with side buckles, but no top, waist, pocket, full lined, coat lined with finest alpaca, and cut extra long. We guarantee this suit a positive \$10 value—special at \$7.85.

**BOYS' HIGH GRADE SUITS AT \$5.00**  
Hundreds of handsome new patterns in colorings of brown, gray, tan, finely tailored garments, indisputably the strongest \$5.00 line in America. Nothing to match them anywhere even at \$7.50 to \$8.00—all sizes 6 to 18 years—at The May Co., \$5.00.

**Confirmation and First Communion Suits**  
Chemically proven all-wool blue serge confirmation suits as low as \$5 and from that on up to \$15, double-breasted and Norfolk coats, extra full peg knicker trousers, sizes 6 to 18 years, \$5 to \$15. Long pants suits in same cloth and color as above, \$10 to \$25.

**Girls' School Hats**  
Smart effects in four different shapes, trimmed with velvet ribbon and straw ornaments; correct new colors, also black—great values at \$2.95. Millinery Dept.

**Children's School Hats**  
Endless variety of shapes, braids and colors. A special, and very interesting display for vacation wear. Unmatchable values at \$1.00. Millinery Dept.

**Boys' School Caps**  
A splendid lot of nobby caps with band and plaids in back, all colors, 75c values, very specially priced now at 48c. Boys' College Hats in all colors, \$1 to \$1.50. Main Floor Ontario.

**Misses' "Perfect Form" Shoes**

Made over perfect fitting lasts, with plenty of room for the proper development of the foot, shown in patent leather, tan calf, red kid, white nubuck and canvas, sizes 11½ to 2, \$4.00, \$3.50 and \$3.00.

**Boys' \$2.50 Shoes**

Boys' welt shoes, medium and broad toes, tan, dull and shiny leathers, blucher, button and lace, \$1.85.

**Boys' \$2.25 Shoes \$1.69**

Boys' welt shoes, mannish styles, all leathers, blucher, button and lace; sizes 9 to 13½, for \$1.69.

Children's "Perfect Form" Shoes, made over oxford lasts, very broad toe, anatomically perfect, tan calf, red kid, patent leather and dull kid, sizes 8½ to 11, \$3.00, \$2.50 and \$2.00.

**Boys' \$3.00 Shoes \$2.19**  
Boys' welt shoes, all styles, fine Goodyear welt, blucher, button and lace, for \$2.19. Main Floor Ontario.

**Girls' & Misses' Spring Suits, Dresses & Coats**

Striking New Models in Each—All Very Specially Priced  
MISSIE'S NEW BALKAN SUITS in shepherd checks, finished with plain silk girdle, also blue serge, trimmed with Bulgarian silk and fancy buttons, junior sizes—15, 17, 19 years; \$22.50 values, \$14.95.

**Misses' Top Coats** in handsome stripe worsteds, collar and cuffs satin trimmed, to match stripes, \$15.00 values, \$11.75 for \$11.75.

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**Girls' Wash Dresses**, about 20 styles, in pop mullin, Anderson, gingham, linen and stripe percale, cut long waisted, Russian style, Norfolk or the middie blouse, sizes 6 to 14 years, \$4 to \$2.98 values, \$2.98.

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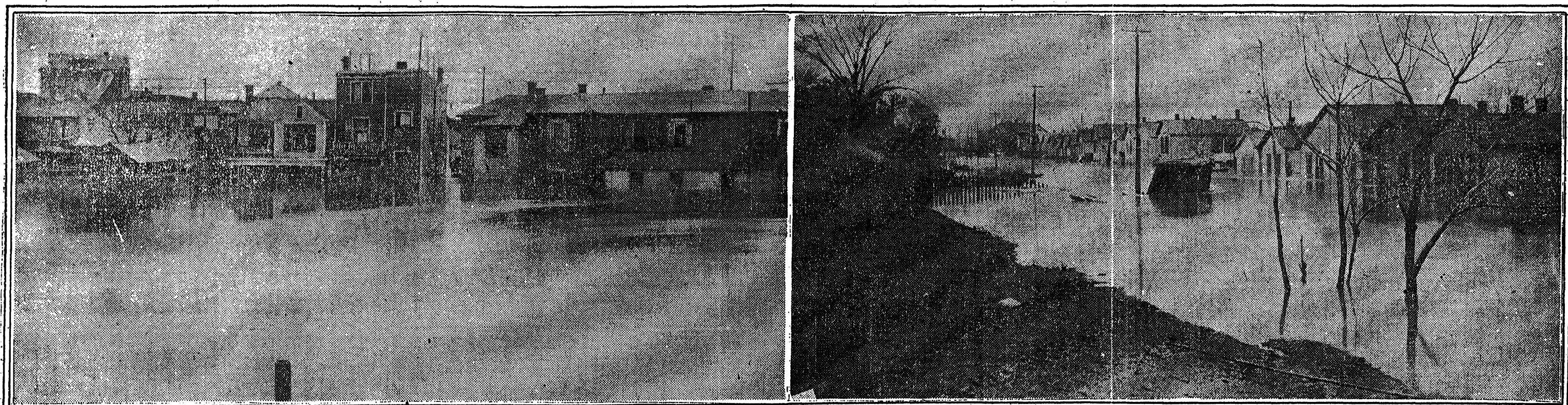
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# AID AND SUPPLIES REACH FLOODED OHIO CITIES



Two views of Dayton's residence districts brought to Cleveland by Plain Dealer staff reporter.

## FLOOD GIVES UP 60 BODIES; CAPITAL'S LOSS \$5,000,000

Columbus Opens Maternity Hospital in Memorial Hall and Outfitting Store in Masonic Temple as Waters Fall.

BY A. E. MCKEE.  
STAFF SPECIAL.

COLUMBUS, O., March 28.—Morgues of Columbus filled slowly tonight as the dead came in from the flood. Sixty bodies are recovered. Two hundred persons are estimated perished. The property loss is in excess of \$5,000,000.

Out in Greenlawn cemetery a barn has become a morgue. In the city, Memorial hall has been converted into a great maternity hospital. Eight new babes are there, and two score women waiting the coming of the stork. These are pathetic developments of the West Side flood.

Columbus has forgotten all problems save that of caring for the sufferers, gathering and burying the dead. Humanity has developed in the same degree that the need has presented itself.

Trained nurses, physicians and attendants move quietly through Memorial hall, caring for their charges. Mothers and babes are accorded every attention. The rooms where G. A. R. warriors recounted their deeds of battle have been changed into a nursery. Dainty garments for the new born hang where once old muskets swung. Jackers in which were kept the outfits for camp fire meals hold infants' food and medical supplies for little strangers.

### Wagon Loads of Bedding Assembled.

Musical hall has been changed into a vast outfitting establishment. Wagon loads of bedding are gathered, wagon loads of half worn clothing, all sizes, styles, colors and conditions, tumbled into the vans as an offering to the unfortunate.

Through the squalor, temporary morgues hundreds of shivering survivors are passing, dreading to find the faces of missing kinsmen on the wooden slabs. Twenty-three bodies lay in a temporary morgue on the east bank of the Scioto, and twenty more were placed in a recently constructed fire engine house on the hilltop, just west of the flood district.

In the West Side morgue, the flood had cut off all electric power, and the volunteer undertakers worked by the light of candles.

Word reached Columbus tonight that several bodies had been seen floating on the speedy current of the river at Circleville, twenty-five miles below here. The authorities believe these were victims of the Columbus flood, and many of these lost will never be recovered.

For miles along the swollen river there are great drifts of debris, the wreckage of houses swept away and demolished. The debris had formed great banks, held together by the thick mud brought down by the river. Practically all the bodies recovered have been taken from the edges of these drifts as the waters receded, and the authorities believe that many more are buried in the flats. No attempt can be made to search these drifts until the water subsides. With this in view, Coroner Benkert tonight estimated that the total death list would reach 200.

### Rescues Stopped by Darkness.

When the meteoric rescues at work in the flooded district were forced to suspend their work by darkness closing in over the swift current, a half score of blacks in the worst of the flood area had not been reached. In the upper floors of houses in this district were many survivors who had been without food since Tuesday. An effort will be made at sunrise tomorrow to penetrate to this section.

Arrangement was made tonight for installing a sixteen-inch searchlight on the top of the twelve-story Garrison building, opposite the state capitol, for the purpose of lighting up a large section of the flooded district at night. This plan is hoped to reduce looting to a minimum and enable the continuance of relief work at night.

While bodies were picked up wherever they were found today, the energies of the authorities were directed toward rescuing the thousands marooned in upper stories, on roofs, and in trees throughout the flood zone.

Relief measures had been rushed and by night the several relief agencies had the situation well in hand. At the state insane asylum, and the state institution for the feeble minded, just west of the flood zone, hundreds of survivors were fed, clothed and lodged. A large school building near by was filled with coats and supplies and thrown open to the refugees. Hundreds were brought around the flood to the business section, where a score of relief stations were opened.

Great distress among the survivors was caused by the separation of families and the consequent dread that the missing had been drowned. Hundreds of those whose homes were in the flooded district but who were marooned in the business section of the city, away from their families, were able to get to the flood section today by a circuitous route of twenty-five miles. All manner of vehicles crowded the road throughout the day, and at the end of the way pathetic remonstrances of families separated since Tuesday took

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## FLOOD TOLL

### IN DAYTON, O.

Charles Parker, liverman.  
Mrs. Lucy Abel, aged 69.  
Anton Saeftel, grocer.  
Mrs. Schell, 27.  
Unidentified woman.  
Lancker, patrolman.  
Mrs. Hish, aged 65.  
Florence Hish, aged 27.  
John Hish.  
Mrs. Daniel Hish.  
John Hish, militiaman.  
James Hish, militiaman.  
George Hish, militiaman.  
J. N. Haverstick, Bell phone man.  
L. C. Haupt, police operator.  
Mrs. Haupt.  
Three Haupt children.  
Mrs. Collins and child.  
Lillie Elderman.  
Mrs. Schmidt.  
Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Schmidt's daughter.  
Mrs. Carle Schult.  
Mrs. Thompson.  
Anton Schulte.  
George Richardson.  
Jesse Wallace.  
Mrs. Harkins and daughter.  
John Harkins, negro.  
John Harkins, negro.  
John Harkins, negro.  
Ollie Seattie.  
Arthur Sine.  
Carl Willet, patrolman.  
Mrs. Willet, aged 65.  
Mrs. Tree.  
Christian Herberich, aged 35.  
Mrs. Haverstick.  
Lillie Elderman.  
Mrs. McConnel.  
Mrs. Julian Wagner, aged 44.  
Two unidentified babies.  
Miss Schult.  
Bodies of nine unidentified men, taken from near Ohio Foundry Co.'s plant.  
Thirteen unidentified bodies, five women, two children.  
Charles Potter.  
Six Potter children.

### IN COLUMBUS, O.

William A. Sexton, probation officer.  
Edwin H. Daniel.  
Albert Gore, mail carrier.  
R. M. Hayes.  
Mrs. George Cook and baby.  
Mrs. J. H. Black.  
Three Black children.  
George Becker.  
Mrs. George Becker.  
Seven Becker children.  
Walter Taylor, aged 16 months.  
Mrs. Greenlee, 748 W. Broad-st.  
Josephine Underwood, aged 11.  
Albert Underwood, aged 13.  
Hilda Dehn, 10, N. Central-av.  
Anna Dehn, N. Central-av.  
Doris, N. Central-av.  
Mrs. Strickler.  
Nine Barker children.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. Masken.  
Unidentified man, body at home of Fred B. Miller.  
Girl, body at W. Town-st. morgue.  
Nine unidentified bodies at institution for feeble minded youths.  
Unidentified babe, died after being rescued from tree.  
Unidentified aged woman found in Mount Calvary cemetery.  
Unidentified man, found in Mount Calvary cemetery.  
Three women in vault at Greenlawn cemetery.  
Mrs. Sarah Seville.  
Mrs. Thomas Wright.  
Mrs. Thomas Wright, died at state hospital from exposure.  
William Gray.  
Anna Hollnhaugh, 470 Center-st.  
Kenneth Hoffman, aged 13.  
Four women, Greenlawn cemetery.  
Unidentified man, Greenlawn cemetery.  
Two girls, Greenlawn cemetery.  
Two unidentified women, Mount Calvary cemetery.  
Unidentified boy, Mount Calvary cemetery.  
Mrs. M. H. Hill, Goodale-st.  
Mar Miller, near State hospital.  
James Greenlee.  
Mrs. Shirley, 452 Center-st.  
Emma Cooper, 1009 Sullivan-av.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Stottler, 25 S. May-st.  
Anna Hollnhaugh, 470 Center-st.  
C. H. Dehn, 104 Dakota, former sheriff Clinton county.  
Rhoda B. Wright, 270 N. 24-st.  
Hanna Westee, 174 Kimball-st.  
Edward Daniel, 511 S. High-st.  
Marle S. Cline, W. Mount-st.  
Mrs. Della McNerney, 257 S. Skidmore-st.  
Mrs. O. C. Fox, Glenwood-av.  
Nine bodies recovered at various points in city.  
Two women, on Miners hill.  
Mrs. H. H. Wright, rear 1238 W. Broad-st.  
Mrs. M. C. Loring-av. and Cable-st.  
Mrs. Weisenburger, W. Mount-st.  
Woman, aged 30, black hair, found in tree.  
Mrs. H. H. Hurnburg on his farm on Broad-st.  
Boy, 6 years old, found on same farm.  
Kenneth Hoffman, aged 13, Mount-st.  
Unidentified woman, found just west of Greenlawn cemetery fence in drift.  
Thirty bodies, reported picked out of the river at Circleville, supposed to have drifted from Columbus.

### IN HAMILTON, O.

N. C. McRoberts, aged 6.  
Leon Trefl.  
Three unidentified women.  
Two unidentified men.  
Mrs. Hish.  
Miss Bell.

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## RECEDING WATERS BARE HORROR OF DAYTON FLOOD

Plain Dealer Man, Back With Pictures, Tells of Dead in Fence Corners and Desolation in Torment's Path.

G. R. Davis, Plain Dealer staff man, was the first Cleveland newspaper man to get into Dayton after the flood disaster. He entered the city with the first relief train, which started from Toledo. He brought back to Cleveland last night photographs of the flooded city and the plain story of what he saw in a five-hour trip by boat through the flooded streets, on foot through the residence neighborhoods the receding waters had laid bare, by automobile to the rescue stations established all along the flood lines and through the stricken, silent streets of that part of the city the rising waters did not reach. Here is his story of what he saw:

By G. R. Davis.

Receding waters of the flood at Dayton reveal a desolate waste of city streets, piled high with debris washed down by the freshet, littered with bodies of horses and overturned carriages, in which some sought escape through the rushing waters; houses battered and overturned, the furniture stacked in heaps as the flood had tossed it, and here and there the bodies of children, women and men who were drowned, in the streets, in fence corners, in dooryards and in their own homes.

A picture of horror as silent as death and as desolate as an illustration from Dante's Inferno, lay before me when I reached Dayton Thursday noon.

The city was under martial rule, established an hour after my arrival, by order of Col. Charles X. Zimmerman of the Fifth regiment of Cleveland, who was in a near-by city when the flood broke and who arrived in Dayton with a train of dynamite for use in checking the fires in the flooded district. Militiamen patrolled the streets and guarded the approaches to that part of the flooded district the constantly receding flood was baring in all its horror.

### Women Knee Deep in Icy Water.

Earlier in the day the rowboats, which carried food and rescuers to the survivors in the half submerged houses, had been taking away from the houses only the women and children, who were so placed that they would have to remain standing knee deep in icy water if left for later boats. When I arrived the means of rescue had been so increased by several hundred flat-bottomed boats made by the rescuing organization that the flood victims were being brought to dry land by hundreds.

They had been marooned on roofs and in the upper stories of houses and other buildings for longer than forty-eight hours. Many had been without food, and others were dying from exposure. Three who were alive when they were lifted into the boats were found dead when I saw them brought ashore to landing places at street ends.

This work of rescue, as later dis-

patches relate, continued all through the night after I had left Dayton on the return trip to Cleveland, and was still going on when daylight came.

Just before my arrival the strained nerves of the survivors in the district which escaped the flood and which was filled with men and women who had received

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## BULLETINS

**SOUTH DAYTON, O., March 28.**—Eight hundred dead is the average estimate of seven-eighths of Dayton's undertakers called together for a conference tonight. They reported eighty-two bodies had been recovered. Individual estimates of the undertakers were from 500 to 1,000, but the consensus of opinion is that 800 would be a conservative figure.

**COLUMBUS, O., March 28—4 a. m.**—"From careful estimates, I do not believe the flood casualties in this city exceed 200. Many persons believed to have been drowned are being found in the upper stories of their dwellings," was the statement this morning of Assistant Adjutant General Peebles, in charge of relief work.

**ZANESVILLE, O., March 28.**—A conservative estimate places the total dead here at ten, with possibly twenty in Muskingum county. Several hundred refugees are quartered at the fair grounds. Food is needed in large quantities.

**CHILLICOTHE, O., March 28.**—Eighteen are dead here and eleven bodies have been taken from the wreckage.

With field glasses seven more bodies were discovered today hanging on the Kilgore bridge, three miles south of here, but it has been impossible to recover them.

**COLUMBUS, O., March 28.**—City officials, after investigation on the West Side today, estimated property loss at \$15,000,000.

### ESTIMATES OF DEAD

IN OHIO.	
Dayton	200
Columbus	200
Piqua	100
Troy	50
Hamilton	35
Venice	32
Tiffin	31
Delaware	21
Zanesville	20
Hamilton	20
Chillicothe	18
Middletown	14
Coshocton	12
Findlay	10
Akron	6
Massillon	5
Youngstown	2
Toledo	1
Total	777

## DAYTON GATHERS COURAGE FOR WORK OF REBUILDING

City Begins to Find Herself Amid Wreckage When She Learns Loss of Life May Not Exceed 200.

BY JAMES A. EATON.

BY PLAIN DEALER'S LEASED WIRE.

DAYTON, O., March 28.—A miracle has been wrought in this flood-stricken city. Out of the chaos of fire and sweeping torrents of water Dayton is emerging tonight with a death list of under 200.

Every portion of the flooded district has been penetrated by the government life savers. Trained newspaper men who have traversed much of the downtown section are tonight of one opinion—that the loss of life was greatly overestimated in the early reports and may not exceed 150.

From \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 property loss has been sustained in damage to business blocks, factories and dwellings.

This includes damage to real estate and public works in those parts of the city where these forms of property are most valuable; to automobile stores in two leading garages and other personal property, much of which was owned by the more prosperous residents; to manufacturing, mercantile and jewelry stocks which were swept away; public utility plants and equipment. It includes also the cost of rebuilding miles of asphalt streets and walks which were literally ripped from their beds.

### Waters Go Down Rapidly.

The waters are receding even more rapidly than they rose and the situation tonight is full of hope and good cheer.

Food and clothing is plentiful. Water is being distilled by engineers and telephone connections are being established.

Sixty bodies had been recovered at nightfall. Only a half dozen of these were found in the business district. The remainder were picked up in Riverdale and West Dayton. Five were found in the South Side residence district.

The loss of life is confined almost entirely to North Dayton, inhabited by foreigners and laborers, West Dayton, which comprises districts of a more substantial character, and to Riverdale. In Dayton View and other residence districts there was almost no loss of life.

Several lives are known to have been lost in the business district, but none of the rumors that human beings had perished in the fire which swept two city blocks would stand the test of searching investigation. In fact, a score of cool headed men who were in some of the buildings and others who watched the fire from across the street assert positively that every occupant of the burned buildings escaped.

The larger office buildings, in which 7,000 persons were marooned, escaped with comparatively small damage. Among them are the Arcade, Kuehn's building, Callahan Bank building, Conover building, Schwaend building, two Cappell buildings, Menhall building, Commercial building, Herbold building, Rice-Kenter building and United Brethren Publishing Co. building.

### All Public Buildings Resist Flood.

The flood has receded sufficiently to allow people to walk from these buildings today. All public buildings have withstood the flood and are safe.

Water is still ten to fifteen feet deep in certain districts of the West Side. A row of dwellings on Linwood-av has been swept clean and nothing remains to indicate that street had existed.

The fire which broke out during the flood was centered on both sides of 3d-st, from Jefferson-st to St. Clair-av, sweeping a row of two and three-story structures. The Maylor Gas, Light & Coke Co.'s plant, the Troy-Pearl Laundry plant and two apartment houses on the West Side were destroyed. No other serious damage by fire was done.

Every section of Dayton is under military patrol. Looters will be shot at sight. Sightseers are being barred from the floodbound districts. Only those engaged in rescue work are allowed to pass the military lines.

Several relief trains have reached the city with supplies. The trains had to be detoured several times en route because of loss of bridges and their progress in reaching here was slow and uncertain.

The feeling tonight is one of optimism. It is believed the city will emerge from this catastrophe greater and grander than ever before. Citizens are responding nobly in the work of relief and the spirit of human brotherhood prevails.

Public institutions and private homes alike have thrown open their



Chairmen of the several committees were unanimous today in asking that word be spread broadcast that mere sightseeing visitors are not wanted here. The railroads have been informed of this attitude and conductors are refusing to accept passengers who cannot show that their presence here is necessary. There were